



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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Policy Statement

Commission Reporting to the U.S. Department of Education

In addition to the reporting detailed in “Notification of Accreditation Decisions,” the Middle States Commission on Higher Education complies with federal reporting requirements by providing to the U.S. Department of Education:

1. a copy of any annual report it prepares;
2. a copy of any printed directory of accredited and candidate institutions or access to the directory on the Commission’s website;
3. a summary of major accrediting activities during the previous year, for the Secretary to carry out his/her responsibilities;
4. notification of any proposed change in policies, procedures, or accreditation or preaccreditation standards that might alter its scope of recognition or compliance with the criteria for recognition;
5. the name of any institution accredited by MSCHE that MSCHE has reason to believe is failing to meet its Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEOA) program responsibilities or is engaged in fraud or abuse, along with the agency’s reasons for concern about the institution. MSCHE will not notify an institution that is suspected of Title IV fraud or abuse, or that MSCHE believes is not meeting Title IV responsibilities, prior to notifying the U.S. Department of Education;
6. and, information that may bear upon an accredited or preaccredited institution’s compliance with its Title IV, HEOA program responsibilities, including the eligibility of the institution to participate in Title IV, HEOA programs.

In accordance with 34 CFR 602.27, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) affirms its commitment to timely submission to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) of information about any proposed changes in policies, procedures, or accreditation/preaccreditation standards that might alter the scope of recognition and/or compliance with the criteria for recognition.

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