

**Rancho Santiago Community College District**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**  
Chapter 3  
General Institution

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## **AR 3200 Accreditation**

### **Reference(s):**

AACJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 21  
AACJC Accreditation Standards I.C.12 and 13 (formerly IV.b.1.i)  
Title 5 Section 51016

The colleges of the Rancho Santiago Community are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). In accordance with the standards of ACCJC, each college shall conduct a comprehensive self-study every six years and host a visit by an accreditation team. Mandatory midterm reports are prepared and submitted to ACCJC in the third year of each six-year cycle.

Those employees who are responsible for the functions related to the accreditation standards must be involved in the self evaluation and team visit.

The process for producing the written document that is the Comprehensive Self Evaluation must include:

- A Self Evaluation Chair, appointed by the President in accordance with campus procedures. If the President selects a faculty member to be the chair, the appointment must be approved by the Academic Senate;
- Accreditation Liaison Officer, appointed by the President;
- Active, campus-wide involvement of administrators, faculty, classified staff, and students;
- District representatives; and
- A Steering Committee.

When the Self Evaluation is completed, it must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to submission to the Accrediting Commission a minimum of 45 days prior to the team visit.

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