

## **NEASC**

Saint Joseph School has recently been reaccredited and is a member of the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC)

### **Who is the NEASC and what it means to be an accredited school.**

The NEASC is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which connects and serves over 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the US and worldwide. Founded in 1885, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has been working to establish and maintain high standards for all levels of education longer than any other accreditation agency in the United States. NEASC is made up of three Commissions which work in close partnership to ensure quality education for all students.

### **The NEASC Overview**

The NEASC Standards for Accreditation are a research based, rigorous and holistic set of practices and concepts reflective of educational best practices that:

- \*ensure the structure, policies and systems are in place to support a high quality, effective learning community
- \*provide a foundation and framework for school communities and accreditation teams to identify the unique strengths and needs of each institution
- \*are developed by each of the NEASC Commissions to address the distinct needs of the schools served - whether public, independent, or international
- \*invite schools to define the transferable skills, knowledge, values and disposition necessary for future students success, challenge students schools to focus more on impactful, personalized learning

NEASC conducts periodic reviews of its Standards and protocols to stay aligned with current educational research, best practice, and governmental regulations, and to remain responsive to member needs.

### **NEASC Accreditation is...**

#### **Confidence:**

Students, parents, the public, government, community leaders and other institutions are assured a school has the resources to provide a high quality learning experience

#### **Integrity**

Grounded in the experience and expertise of practicing educators since 1885. NEASC Accreditation is a respected, effective and time tested methodology for school improvement and growth

**Equity**

Embracing the diversity and unique missions of our member schools, NEASC supports schools wherever they are on the continuum of improvement and/or transformation

**Vision**

Neasc invites schools to define the transferable skills, knowledge, values and dispositions necessary for future student success and provides support to access progress toward that vision

**Relevance**

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**Framework**

Member school benefit from a structured progress, grounded by research-based Standards, which helps them identify and prioritize areas for improvement, build on existing strengths, and map out short and long term plans for the future

**Collaboration**

Accreditation is not a single event, but an ongoing cycle sustained by professional partnership and continued support