

## Information Paper

**SUBJECT:** AdvancED's Index of Educational Quality

**PURPOSE:** Beginning in school year 2013-14, AdvancED will use the Index of Educational Quality (IEQ), their 400-point scale as described below, to determine the accreditation status (as either "Accredited" or "Accredited Under Review") of all schools. It temporarily will evaluate DoDEA on only 37 of the 39 evaluative criteria it uses to evaluate all schools. In January 2014, the AdvancED Commission will determine the cut score on the IEQ scale that will determine the accreditation status of the school. All scores above the cut score will be Accredited and all scores at or below the cut score will be Accredited Under Review.

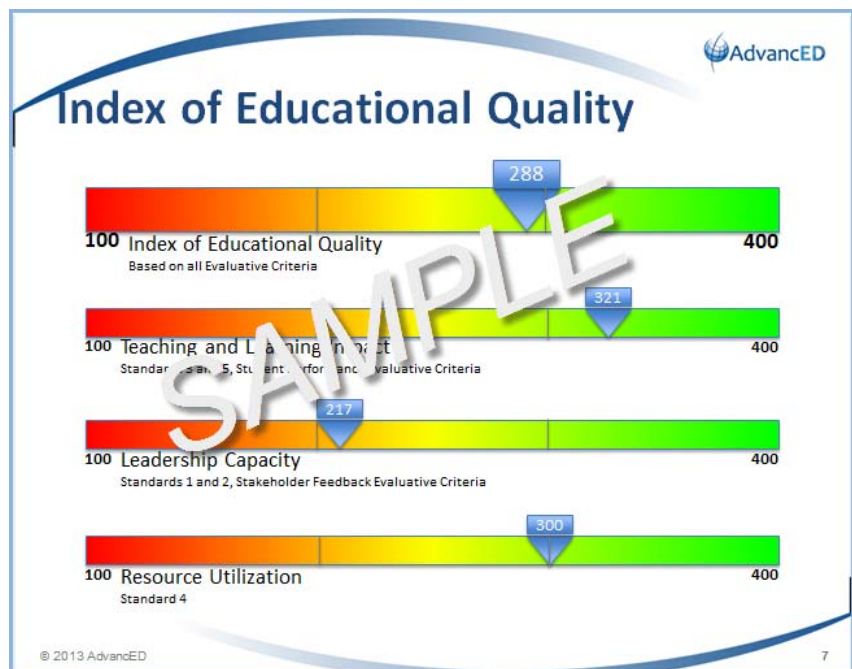
**BACKGROUND:** The IEQ is based on a 0 to 400 point scale. Thirty-nine scores are used to determine the institution's IEQ score.

- 33 Indicators
- 4 Evaluative Criteria from the Student Performance diagnostic
- 2 Evaluative Criteria from the Stakeholder Feedback diagnostic

The scores from the 39 items are averaged and then multiplied by 100 to determine the total score.

In addition, AdvancED will provide three sub-group scores. The three sub-groups and the items that comprise each sub-group are:

- Teaching and Learning Impact
  - The twelve indicators from Standard 3 (Teaching and Assessing for Learning),
  - The five indicators from Standard 5 (Using Results for Continuous Improvement),
  - The four Evaluative Criteria from the Student Performance diagnostic
- Leadership Capacity
  - The three indicators from Standard 1 (Purpose and Direction),
  - The six indicators from Standard 2 (Governance and Leadership),
  - The two Evaluative Criteria from the Stakeholder Feedback diagnostic
- Resource Utilization
  - The seven indicators from Standard 4 (Resources and Support Systems).



**DISCUSSION:** Until DoDEA can administer the AdvancED Stakeholder Questionnaires, AdvancED has removed the requirement of the two Evaluative Criteria from the Stakeholder Feedback diagnostic.

DoDEA will be evaluated on a 400-point scale consisting of 37 items instead of the 39 items AdvancED uses at the other educational institutions to determine the IEQ. As soon as DoDEA has permission to administer the AdvancED Stakeholder Questionnaires, the two Evaluative Criteria from the Stakeholder Feedback diagnostic will be required.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information only.

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