

CPSS MISSION STATEMENT

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools believes that quality public education is vital to the success of a democratic society. The Commission acts on this belief by requiring that each member school adhere to standards of educational practice that maximize learning for all students.

Each member school and its community support this mission by:

- **engaging in a self-study process and hosting an evaluation committee to assess the degree to which it is achieving the Commission's Standards for Accreditation**
- **committing to an ongoing follow-up process that includes implementing all valid recommendations and continuing effective educational practices**

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools accomplishes this by:

- **developing Standards of Accreditation that identify and foster best educational practices**
- **reviewing and determining each school's accreditation status based on its achievement of the Standards for Accreditation**
- **supporting each member school's ongoing improvement process by recommending and monitoring the implementation of educational practices**
- **providing member schools with opportunities for professional staff development on CPSS visiting and other committees**
- **modeling a culture of self-reflection, collaboration, and inquiry by involving member schools in the review of Commission Standards and practices in the accreditation process**
- **utilizing information derived from member schools to inform the public about the quality of public secondary education**
- **engaging in collaborative alliances with professional and other associations to enhance the work of the Commission, promote the quality of education, and support member schools**