
Authorizer Accreditation

Strong organizations mean better outcomes for kids.

Strong authorizers are the engines of the charter school movement and the drivers of educational innovation. For over 125 years, Cognia has partnered with educational organizations—large and small—across the globe to adopt continuous improvement strategies that build strong, reliable organizations focused on what is best for students.

Focus on Getting Better

All organizations have room for improvement. From the pioneers of charter authorizing to newly formed authorizing entities, Cognia's Performance Standards help to identify areas that all organizations can use to get better. Cognia's team understands authorizing and how good authorizing can lead to better choices for students and parents.

Build Credibility and Integrity

As independent, autonomous bodies, authorizers need the freedom to make tough decisions about school performance. Overbearing oversight and overreach from charter detractors can quickly disrupt an authorizer's work and put authorized schools at risk. Cognia's accreditation and worldwide reputation creates a level of confidence in an authorizer's policies and practices.

What to expect—Standards and Process

Accreditation is the launchpad for improvement. It's not about passing a one-time inspection—it helps organizations set and meet improvement goals and sustain commitments to educational excellence.

A professional review team gathers evidence using Cognia's Performance Standards and research instruments. They meet with your stakeholders and make observations to form a complete picture before finalizing an evaluation. A thorough report gives you both a broad understanding and detailed insights into where you are excelling and where you need to invest resources.

Your Cognia team connects with you beyond your review, checking in to discuss your progress and help you overcome obstacles.