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What is WASC & what's my role?

WASC Visit is:
April 14th – 17th



What is WASC?

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- WASC is driven by two key questions:
 - How well are all students learning and achieving?
 - Is the school doing everything possible to support high achievement and prepare all students to be college and career ready in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment?
- WASC is an organization that schools work with to receive “accreditation.”

What is accreditation? Why is it important?

- Accreditation:
 - Certifies to the public that our school is a trustworthy institution of learning, providing students what they need.
 - **Is what makes the diplomas that you receive at graduation valid!**

What happens during the WASC process?

- Hoover staff go through a process called a “self-study.” (Think of this as a “Self-Reflection”)
- During this “self-study” we examine what students know and are able to do as well as what the Teachers and Staff are doing to uphold the values of learning. We examine EVERYTHING that is happening at Hoover in the following areas:
 - A. School Governance** (how is the school run?)
 - B. Curriculum** (what are we teaching?)
 - C. Learning and Teaching** (how are we teaching?)
 - D. Assessment** (how are we checking to see if students are learning?)
 - E. School Culture** (do we have a good culture for students and families?)

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What have teachers and staff been working on this year to get ready for this important visit?

- Since August, teachers and staff have been meeting monthly to write the 50-page self-study report and gathering evidence to support the claims we make in the report.

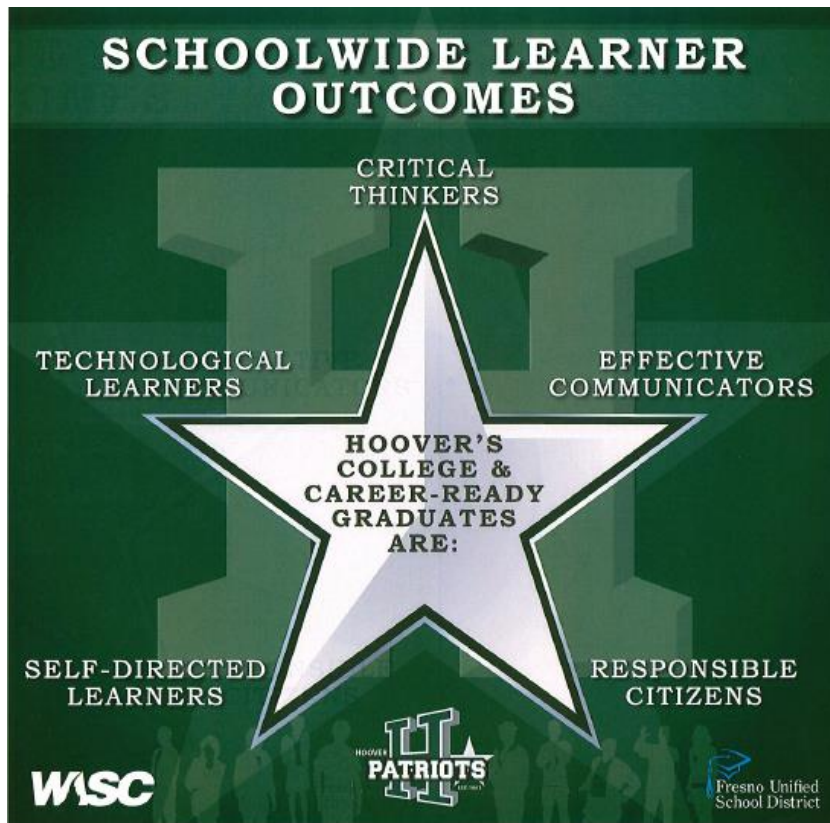


Why is the Visiting Committee Coming in April?

- To observe and provide us with an outside perspective of what is happening at Hoover.
- During this visit, the committee (a team of educators from other schools) will:
 - Visit classrooms to see the learning that is happening
 - Invite 30 students to lunch to discuss their thoughts and feelings about Hoover
 - Meet with parents to ask about their experiences with Hoover
 - Meet with teachers in Focus Groups after school

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As always, it's a great day to be a
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Let's get that accreditation through active particiPATEtion!

