

Accreditation Roadmap



Your Path to Success:
Paving the Way to
High-Quality Learning

02 APPLE Application

Once FACCM membership is approved, submit the "New or Renewed APPLE Accreditation Application" for review.
This application is valid for 18 months.

FACCM Membership 01

Apply for a FACCM Membership. Your FACCM membership must remain in good standing and be renewed annually.
www.faccm.org

Portfolio Submission 03

Utilizing the 2024 Standards Manual, build the portfolio in the IPlace Web App. Upon submission of the portfolio remit the associated fees.

04 Onsite Verification

An APPLE Verifier will visit the school to verify elements of the Portfolio.

APPLE Commission 05

The APPLE Commission will review, and if all criteria are met, then accreditation is earned. Initial Accreditation is valid for 3 years. Reaccreditation valid for 5 years.

! Important Dates

Application Submission:

Portfolio Submission:

Annual Report:

FACCM Membership:

Begin Reaccreditation:



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You're Accredited, What's Next?



07 Notify Your ELC

Be sure to notify your local Early Learning Coalition (ELC) that your school is now APPLE Accredited. This ensures your accreditation status is recognized and accurately recorded for contracts and funding.



09 Submit Annual Reports

Maintain compliance and good standing by submitting your Annual APPLE Report on time each year. This report helps ensure continued alignment with APPLE standards and ongoing improvements.



11 DCF Inspections & Gold Seal Compliance

Keep a clean inspection history with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Regularly review DCF's Gold Seal requirements to ensure continued eligibility, especially as it pertains to serious violations and compliance thresholds.



Apply for Gold Seal 06



After earning APPLE Accreditation, you're eligible to apply for Florida's Gold Seal Quality Care Program through The Children's Forum. This designation can enhance your reputation and may unlock additional funding.

www.thechildrensforum.com

Apply for Tax Exemption 08



Accredited schools in Florida may qualify for a property tax exemption. Once accredited, consult with your local property appraiser's office and submit the necessary documentation to apply.

Maintain FACCM 10 Membership



Ongoing accreditation requires active FACCM Membership. Remember to renew annually to avoid delays in accreditation services and to continue accessing professional resources, discounts, and support.



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