



# Interview Questions for the NCA CASI School Accreditation Quality Assurance Review Visit



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## The following focus questions may be considered during the interview process.

### Standard 1 -- Vision

1. Describe the climate/atmosphere of the school.
2. Are you aware of the school's stated vision, mission, and or beliefs? What does it mean to you as a parent (or member of the community)?
3. What opportunities were you and/or other stakeholders given to contribute to the development of your school's vision, mission, and/or beliefs?
4. How is the vision communicated to the parents, school community, and businesses?

### Standard 2 -- Governance And Leadership

1. Is there a process available for you to provide input on school rules, policies, and procedures?  
If so, please explain.
2. How are the school rules, policies and procedures communicated to you?
3. What leadership opportunities are available for students? Parents? Community stakeholders?
4. (For School Board Members) What do you see as the role and function of the board in providing for the effective operation of the school?

### Standard 3 -- Teaching and Learning

1. How do you know what the learning expectations are for your child?
2. How is your child actively involved in their daily learning in the classroom?
3. How is your child provided with a challenging curriculum?



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4. Is your child prepared for the next grade level? Explain.
5. If your child is having difficulty in a certain subject area, how do you know? What does the school do to assist your child?

## **Standard 4 -- Documenting and Using Results**

1. How does the school compare to other schools like it in the area?
2. How is your child tested in the school? (daily, weekly, monthly, annually)
3. Do you understand your child's testing results? How does the school help you to understand these results?
4. Does your child discuss his/her test results with you? If so, explain.
5. Is the school getting better? or Is student performance here increasing? How do you know?

## **Standard 5 -- Resources and Support Systems**

1. What types of programs and/or resource services are available for your child/children to assist them in their learning (students with special needs, gifted students, Limited English Proficient students, tutoring, counseling, mentoring, student appraisal, student referrals, etc.)?
2. What types of resources are available for parents to support their child's education? (e.g., parent organization, parenting resource materials, conferences)
3. How does the school stay safe and prepared for emergencies? What would happen if there were a crisis or an emergency at the school?



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**The following focus questions may be considered during the interview process.**

### **Standard 6 - Stakeholder Communication And Relationships**

1. How are parents and/or community stakeholders involved in the school?
2. Is there a process in place for you to communicate your concerns and/or ideas to the school?
3. What are some of the ways the school communicates with you?
4. How are the perceptions/opinions of stakeholders gathered and used?
5. What types of information do you receive about your child and how he/she is doing in school?
6. What suggestions would you make to the school for more parental and community stakeholder involvement?

### **Standard 7 - Commitment To Continuous Improvement**

1. What do you think are the greatest strengths of your school?
2. What do you think are the areas that need improving?
3. Have you had the opportunity to participate in and/or offer suggestions during continuous school improvement planning? If so, explain.
4. How do you know that your child is improving in school? How do you know the school is improving?