

LINK'S MISSION

Link Community School seeks to provide an outstanding independent middle school education for Newark adolescents of all academic abilities from economically disadvantaged families. Link endeavors to create a powerful learning community built on a collective commitment to excellence and enduring core values. By building a strong academic foundation and instilling life long values, Link aims to develop students who will be successful in higher education and responsible and resourceful citizens who give back to others.



LINK COMMUNITY SCHOOL



*Middle States
Accreditation
for Growth
Overview*



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What is Accreditation for Growth (AFG)?

Link Community School is participating in a comprehensive self-assessment as part of the Accreditation for Growth Process. The Accreditation for Growth (AFG) protocol, developed by the Middle States Association and the Commission of Elementary and



Secondary Schools, asks schools to examine their current performances, identify objectives and develop action plans for each objective. Through the accreditation process, Link Community School seeks to continue its commitment to high standards.

In February 2008, Link Community School began the formal process of

re-accreditation. An Internal Coordinator assembled a Planning Team composed of teachers, parents, administrators, alumni and one Board member in order to give a voice to all stakeholders.

Why is accreditation important?

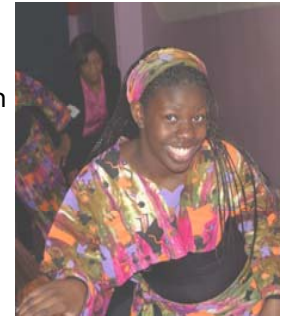
- All about school improvement
- Involves teachers, parents, students, and community
- Public accountability
- Increased value of Link Community School diploma

During the accreditation process, all members of the community are involved. In doing so all groups collectively determine the course of the school's future.



What does AFG mean for my child?

By selecting the AFG accreditation protocol, Link is committed to improving student performance and creating a



vigorous academic program designed to prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges.

What is my role as a parent?

We ask for your support, commitment and feedback during this important process. The Planning Team is committed to providing parents with updates and feedback on the accreditation process through newsletters, Link Parent Association Meetings, and the school website: www.linkschool.org. If you have specific questions, please contact Keisha Cleveland-Baptiste, Vice Principal and Internal Coordinator.