**24:43:02:05.  Five-year accreditation cycle.** Public school district accreditation, and the accreditation of nonpublic schools that are seeking accreditation, is conducted by the Department of Education in a five-year cycle. The five-year accreditation cycle shall be reset beginning with the 2018-2019 school year in order to equitably distribute the number of accreditation reviews conducted each year. Transitional reviews shall be scheduled by the department in consultation with the accredited schools or districts. Transitional reviews of accredited schools or districts shall occur from the 2018-2019 school year to the 2022-2023 school year, and be prioritized according to data analysis and criteria set by the department and made available on the department's publicly available website. Transitional reviews shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of chapter 24:43:02.

A regular five-year accreditation cycle shall be established by the 2022-2023 school year.

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