



# THE LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS

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## Lighthouse Schools Earns Cognia Accreditation

**Clinton, IA – April 1, 2024** – Lighthouse Schools has earned Cognia® Accreditation. Cognia is a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes districts that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the school is accredited, and that Lighthouse Schools is recognized across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Performance Standards and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

“School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides Lighthouse Schools a nationally recognized mark of quality for our school,” shared Cafer Cengiz, the superintendent. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

To earn Cognia accreditation, a school district also must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit to internal and external review. Schools in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a six-year term.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, stated, “Cognia Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. Lighthouse Schools is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards and is making progress on key indicators that impact student learning.”


Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about Cognia Accreditation at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org)

### About Cognia

Cognia is a global, nonprofit improvement organization dedicated to helping institutions and other education providers grow learners, teachers, and leaders. Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, and improvement services within a framework of continuous improvement. Serving 40,000 public and private institutions from early learning through high school in more than 90 countries, Cognia brings a global perspective to advancing teaching and learning. Find out more at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org).

### About Lighthouse Schools

The Lighthouse Schools is an innovative Islamic boarding school for boys that harmoniously merges the strengths of traditional and online learning for students in grades 6-12. Recognizing the uniqueness of each learner, our educational model leverages the flexibility of online education and combines it with the structure of traditional learning environments, using our unique 3M (Mentor, Motivate, Monitor) model. By partnering with Arizona State University, we utilize a world-renowned online curriculum, further supported by AI tools, while our dedicated faculty mentors guide students’ academic and personal development. Find out more information at [tlhschools.org](http://tlhschools.org).

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