



K. ERIK SWANSON, PhD
Superintendent of Education

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

www.gdoe.net
501 Mariner Avenue
Barrigada, Guam 96913
Telephone: (671) 300-1677
Email: mtreyes@gdoe.net



TES REYES-BURRIER
Public Information Officer
2024-PIO-0161

May 23, 2024
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Simon A. Sanchez High School Received WASC Accreditation

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education is proud to announce and congratulates Simon A. Sanchez High School upon being granted accreditation from Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC). ACS WASC announces the action taken at the Spring 2024 Commission Meeting. It is also the decision of the Commission to approve the substantive change request due to the closure of the school's Yigo campus in the summer of 2023.

Accreditation is a hallmark of educational quality and integrity, and Simon A. Sanchez High School's commitment to maintaining the standards set by the ACS WASC is commendable. By participating in the accreditation process, the school demonstrates its dedication to continuous improvement and accountability. The annual contribution of members to visiting committees is a significant aspect of this process, fostering a collaborative environment for enhancement across the educational community. Simon A. Sanchez High School's journey towards continual growth and development is a testament to its resilience and commitment to educational excellence.

Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson said, *"Simon A. Sanchez High School's commitment to educational excellence is commendable and aligns with the ACS WASC dedication to continuous improvement and achievement. The school's focus on enhancing its programs ensures that students receive a quality education that prepares them for future challenges. As the school anticipates success, it sets a positive example for other institutions striving for excellence in education at all levels. The Commission's recognition of these efforts is a testament to the school's dedication to upholding high standards and fostering an environment where students and educators alike can thrive."*

Principal Carla Masnayan said, *"Simon A. Sanchez High School continues its steadfast commitment to adhering to established policies and procedures, ensuring it remains an environment where students can flourish and receive a top-notch education. The school's success is a testament to its confidence in maintaining these standards and contributing to the wider goal of excellence in education. This triumph is a collective one, showcasing the support and resilience of the entire school community—students, teachers, parents, and staff alike. Such a united endeavor guarantees that Simon A. Sanchez High School stands as a symbol of high-quality education and community partnership."*

For more information, please contact Principal Carla Masnayan at 671-653-2313, 671-300-3507, 671-300-3525 or email mtreyes@gdoe.net.

- END OF STATEMENT -