

Southwestern Community College

SACS Reaffirmation Process

Compliance Team – Determinations of Compliance

Those conducting the compliance review should begin their analysis by careful interpretation of the Core Requirements and Comprehensive Standards to understand each aspect and what information and data must be assembled to document compliance.

As a part of the Compliance Certification, the institution is required to record its judgment of the extent of its compliance with each aspect of each Core Requirement and Comprehensive Standard. The institution has three alternatives in describing its determination:

- **Compliance.** The institution concludes that it complies with each aspect of the requirement or standard and supports this judgment in a narrative response supported by documentation.
- **Partial Compliance.** The institution judges that it complies with some but not all aspects of the requirement or standard and supports this judgment in a narrative response supported by documentation justifying its claim of partial compliance, an explanation for its partial non-compliance, and a detailed action plan for bringing the institution into compliance that includes a list of documents to be presented to support compliance and a date for completing the plan.
- **Non-Compliance.** The institution determines that it does not comply with any aspect of the requirement or standard and provides a thorough explanation for its non-compliance and a detailed action plan for bringing the institution into compliance that includes a list of documents to be presented to support compliance and a date for completion of the plan.

(*Handbook*, 2004, pp. 12-13)