

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of  
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Raymond, Mississippi  
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Hinds Community College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Hinds Community College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2017, and the institution's next review is June 2018.

**What is the accreditation status of Hinds Community College?** Hinds Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was denied reaffirmation of accreditation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning for twelve months following SACSCOC's Board action on its comprehensive decennial review. SACSCOC's accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

**What does it mean to be denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning?** Warning imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees at the time of an institution's comprehensive decennial review follows a determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, or the Federal Requirements of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the finding of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC's policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In June 2018, Hinds Community College will have been on Warning for one year. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership" that can be accessed at <http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp>.

**Why was Hinds Community College denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning?** Hinds Community College was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that it had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. These standards expect an institution to provide evidence that it has (1) a sound financial base and demonstrated stability and (2) identifies expected outcomes, assesses the extent of achievement, and evidence of improvement in educational programs, including student learning. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>)

**What will happen in June 2018?** SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Hinds Community College following review of a Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Warning without an additional report, or with a Fifth Year Follow-Up Report; (2) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, continue Warning, request a Monitoring Report, and may authorize a Special Committee; (3) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, place on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; and (4) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Board of Trustees in June 2018.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* (<http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>).