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NALSAS Accreditation

The National Association for the Legal Support of Alternative Schools (NALSAS) has extended the **national accreditation** of **the Alger Learning Center/Independence High School** for the **2009-2010** school year, following a review of the application materials, and an on-site visitation by a NALSAS representative, which included staff and student interviews, along with an inspection of the school facilities and official records.

NALSAS, based in Santa Fe, NM, works in conjunction with the National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools (NCACS) of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and is the accrediting agency for *bona fide* voting members of the Coalition, such as the Alger Learning Center. The Coalition was founded in 1978 to support educational purposes as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A major object of the Coalition is empowering people to actively and collectively control their own lives and education.

NCACS members participate in a wide range of educational alternatives. Because each member's program is unique to their customers, NALSAS does not impose standardization in curriculum, qualifications, or philosophy. NALSAS accredited schools are, however, required to routinely undergo stringent on-site inspections of facilities, administrative policy and procedure, record-keeping processes, educational product, and staff qualifications and credentials.

NCACS members include England's world famous Summerhill School, the groundbreaking Peninsula School, founded in 1925 in Menlo Park, CA, and the Clon Lara School of Michigan, which, like the Alger Learning Center/Independence High School, is among the leading private alternative schools offering distance learning in America.

Accreditation by NALSAS assures the public at large that at least one member of NALSAS not involved with the control, operation, or proceeds of the applicant program has reviewed and confirmed the school's claim and conditions regarding its program, location, existing facilities, and operations.

"With this assurance," writes Ed Nagel, Chairman of the NALSAS Division of Accreditation, "Interested parents can make an informed choice for meeting the educational needs of their children."

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