

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
Sweet Briar, Virginia
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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 Sweet Briar College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Sweet Briar College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 14, 2018, and the institution's next review is June 2019.

What is the accreditation status of Sweet Briar College? Sweet Briar College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for 12 months after review of a Referral Report from the submission of the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report in June 2017. 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 Warning mean? Warning is a public sanction imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements or Standards of SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation*; 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 2019, Sweet Briar College will have been on Warning for twelve months. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.](#)"

Why was Sweet Briar College placed on Warning? Sweet Briar College was placed on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC. These standards expect an institution (1) to have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution, and the scope of its programs and services; and (2) to manage its financial resources in a responsible manner. (To read the full statement for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement.](#))

What will happen in June 2019? SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Sweet Briar College following review of a Monitoring Report addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue on Warning, request a monitoring report, with or without authorizing a Special Committee visit; (3) place the institution on Probation, request a monitoring report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; and (4) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the SACSCOC's Board of Trustees in June 2019.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement.](#)