

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**  
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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of**

**BENNETT COLLEGE**  
**Greensboro, North Carolina**  
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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 Bennett College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Bennett College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to its public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on December 9, 2018.

**What is the accreditation status of Bennett College?** On December 9, 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges voted to remove the accreditation of Bennett College; however, the institution remains accredited and on Probation during the 10-day time period after receipt of official notification in which it can submit a formal appeal. If the institution appeals the decision by submitting a formal request in accord with SACSCOC's policy, the institution will maintain accreditation on Probation pending the decision of the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will convene on one of the following days: February 18, 19, or 20.

**Why did SACSCOC Board of Trustees vote to remove Bennett College from membership as an accredited institution?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees voted to remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the standards of the membership of SACSCOC, and because the institution had exhausted its two-year period on Probation for coming into compliance with the *Principles*. This standard expects that the institution has sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services. (To read full statements for the standard cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation](#).)

**What will happen next?** If the institution submits a formal appeal within 10 days of receipt of its notification letter, then Bennett College will remain an accredited institution on Probation until the Appeals Committee renders its decision in February 2019. If the institution does not submit a formal appeal by that date, then the decision of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to remove Bennett College from membership becomes final effective December 9, 2018. For additional information about removal from membership or about the appeals procedures, see SACSCOC's policies entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership](#)" and "[The Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly](#)".

For additional information regarding the SACSCOC accreditation process, access the [Principles of Accreditation](#).