



September 15, 2026

Dr. Chad Emerson Hickox
President
Walla Walla Community College
500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear President Hickox:

We are writing to confirm the visit and reporting scheduling for Walla Walla Community College.

During its July 2026 Commission Meeting, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) established a new 8-year accreditation cycle to replace the current 7-year cycle. As part of this change, NWCCU staff reviewed the evaluation schedule for the next seven years and determined which institutions could move to create a balanced review cycle. From that review, it was determined that Walla Walla Community College's review cycle would remain as currently scheduled through the Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Report and Visit. Following that visit, the next evaluation cycle will be scheduled on the eight-year cycle, which includes a Mid-Cycle Review in year 4, the Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review in year 6, and the Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness in year 8.

To prepare for these visits, please note that institutions with a scheduled report or visit in 2027 have a choice to respond to the 2020 NWCCU Standards or the newly adopted Standards. Institutions with reports and visits in 2028 or later will be required to respond to the new Standards.

The dates of the evaluation schedule for Walla Walla Community College remain as:

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2026 Mid-Cycle Review
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2028
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2029

NWCCU is committed to an evidence-informed accreditation process that promotes student success while contributing to public accountability; we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact your NWCCU liaison, Dr. Ed Harri, at eharri@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

Selena M. Grace
President

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