

HOW DOES A SCHOOL APPLY?

Any school can apply if it feels it can meet all the 10 quality criteria of the NAACEmark. You can apply directly to your LEA or an independent support provider with whom you are working, if they are registered as providing assessment. If your local support provider is not registered then you can apply directly to NAACE who will put you in contact with a provider.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

NAACE does not charge schools or assessors for the administration of this scheme. LEAs, organisations or individual consultants supporting schools through the process may find it necessary to make a charge.

IS THERE A CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS?

There is no closing date for applications and the scheme will run continuously throughout the year.

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THE NAACEMARK?

When a school is awarded the mark, they will be supplied with a certificate and the artwork for the NAACE quality mark. This can be used on all information and publicity about the school. They will be listed on the NAACE and Becta websites and their success will be celebrated in the Times Educational Supplement.



FOR HOW LONG WILL WE HAVE THE NAACEMARK?

The quality mark is awarded for three years; towards the end of the three years you will have to apply for renewal. In renewing the mark, we will take into account evidence of improvement and development over the three years of the award. If during the period of the award the school fails to maintain the quality criteria, NAACE reserves the right to withdraw the NAACEmark.

HOW WILL WE BE ASSESSED?

To ensure the consistency of judgements on schools, those assessing schools will be specifically trained by NAACE or will be NAACE accredited providers in the area of Consultancy for ICT Development Planning.

For a brochure containing full details of the NAACEmark contact:

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Quality assurance
for ICT in Education
NAACE Mark
for schools



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BACKGROUND

NAACE is the professional association for those concerned with advancing education through the appropriate use of information and communications technology. Its members are advisers, inspectors and consultants who have advice and support and development of ICT in schools as one of their responsibilities. The Association is a Registered Charity established in 1984 and has become the key influential professional association for those working in ICT in education. To further its aims, the NAACE quality assurance scheme for ICT support services was launched in 1997 and the NAACEmark for schools was launched in 2003.

WHAT IS THE NAACEMARK?

The NAACEmark was developed in association with Becta and Cambridgeshire LEA, which have trialled the NAACEmark in their schools. NAACEmark stands for quality and is intended to promote the use of ICT to enhance teaching and learning whilst providing opportunities for pupils to engage in the improvement and development of their own ICT skills. We believe that the whole school approach to the development of teaching and learning with ICT will result in an improvement in the effectiveness of teaching and learning and lead to overall school improvement.

Our aim with this quality in ICT mark for schools is to:

- promote the importance of ICT to the curriculum
- improve the effective use of ICT in teaching and learning
- improve the use of ICT as a management tool to enhance provision and communication;
- disseminate good practice

Becta is the Government's lead agency for ICT in education. It supports the UK Government and national organisations in the use and development of ICT in education to raise standards, widen access, improve skills and encourage effective management.

Becta sees the scheme as "recognising the excellent practice in the management, use and leadership of ICT across schools – the scheme provides both access to a wide range of resources to assist schools to assess how they are managing ICT and an opportunity to celebrate good practice."

WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED TO ASSESS SCHOOLS FOR THE NAACEMARK?

The ten criteria which make up the quality standard and which clearly relate to the provision of quality are set out below:

- 1 A whole school ICT strategic action plan covering a minimum of three years, with an effective means of monitoring and assessing progress.
- 2 A clear and comprehensive ICT policy.
- 3 A full scheme of work for ICT.
- 4 A planned approach to using ICT within, and across, the curriculum to enhance teaching and learning.
- 5 Assessment of pupil progress in ICT.
- 6 Use of ICT tools to track pupil progress and performance data.
- 7 Targets for improving performance and resources.
- 8 A commitment to whole school staff development to enable better teaching and learning with ICT.
- 9 A commitment to developing communications between the school, homes and the community to promote interest and involvement in learning through ICT.
- 10 A commitment to shared development with partners.



WHY SHOULD A SCHOOL APPLY FOR THE NAACEMARK?

Schools that apply for the NAACEmark in ICT will find that it:

- provides a framework for the development of ICT in the school;
- allows them to carry out self evaluation against national standards;
- gives them the opportunity to credit staff for their work and commitment to ICT;
- demonstrates their desire to move forward with ICT;
- encourages them in their work with other schools;
- enables them to celebrate their ICT achievements in the wider community.

Within Cambridgeshire, the award has become an integral part of the 'ICT Strategy for Schools'. NAACEmark will provide a benchmark against which schools can plan for and judge progress. You may not feel able to attain the NAACEmark immediately but working towards this standard of quality in ICT will provide a focus and reward for your improvement activity.

