

PRESS RELEASE

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 6-8, 2009, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is seeking initial accreditation status with the Commission. The College offers associate degrees in Liberal Studies, Environmental Science, and Early Childhood Education.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 1100 institutions of higher education in a nineteen-state region. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

For the past year and half, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission an initial candidacy status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

Public Comment on Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602-2504

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by April 4, 2009. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Note: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.