



**Public and Nonpublic School Accreditation Deviations**

Using the Board of Public Education's accreditation criteria, only four (28%) of the 14 nonpublic schools accredited by BPE, hold regular accreditation status while eight (57%) have been placed in "deficiency" status. Compared to Montana's public schools, 546 out of 821 schools (67%) hold regular accreditation status while only 59 of Montana's 821 schools are in deficiency status (7%). The table below describes these numbers and breaks out public & nonpublic high schools (since that is the majority of accredited nonpublic schools) for further comparison.

2010-2011 Data	Total Public Schools	Total Nonpublic Schools	Public High Schools	Nonpublic High Schools
Hold Regular Accreditation Status	546/821 schools (67%)	4/14 (28%)	80/168 (48%)	4/12 (33%)
Regular with Minor Deviations	147 / 821 (18%)	2/14 (14%)	52/168 (31%)	2/12 (17%)
Advice	69/821 (8%)	0/14 (0%)	23/168 (14%)	0/12 (0%)
Deficiency	59/821 (7%)	8/14 (57%)	13/168 (8%)	6/12 (50%)

**Nonpublic and Public School Student Performance Comparisons**

The Following information was derived by using the Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS), Criterion-Referenced Test and Criterion-Referenced Alternate Assessment Test:

School Year	Org Type	Subject	Percent At or Above Proficiency
2010	STATE	Reading	84.2%
2010	All Nonpublic Schools Combined	Reading	63.6%
2010	STATE	Math	67.0%
2010	All Nonpublic Schools Combined	Math	40.4%

**Adequate Yearly Progress comparison for public and private accredited schools in Montana**

	Made Adequate Yearly Progress	Did not make Adequate Yearly Progress
Public Schools	72.5%	27.5%
Nonpublic Accredited Schools	28.6%	71.4%

**Completion Rates Comparison for Public and Nonpublic Schools**

(Graduation rates aren't calculated for nonpublic schools)  
Completion rate for public schools in 2010: 82%  
Completion rate for nonpublic schools in 2010: 86.4%