



To: Minnesota School Superintendents (Charter Schools Disregard)
From: Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner
Date: August 29, 2014
Subjects: **Please report counts of nonpublic resident students by December 31**

Every year, all Minnesota school districts report to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) the number of nonpublic school students by age that live in their districts.

The report breaks down nonpublic students by whether they attend regular private schools or homeschools and, further, provides counts of students who superintendents believe are in situations that are not in compliance with Minnesota's compulsory instruction law. For more details on the law, refer to [Minnesota Statutes, sections 120A.22-120A.26](#), on Minnesota Revisor of Statutes website.

Your district must complete this report because of the trend data it provides but also because one question is included related to students in poverty in nonpublic schools, including homeschools, that impacts some federal funding for your district. MDE must wait until every single district has reported before it can provide the poverty information to the federal government in order to help Minnesota districts receive the correct funding levels.

Data entered on MDE's Data Submissions site should reflect compulsory instruction compliance in your district on October 1, 2014. **You may enter the counts beginning October 2 based on the October 1 reporting requirement; your district must enter data no later than December 31.** Please note that the report concerns all private and homeschooled students who live within your district borders and attend nonpublic school in your district borders or in another district's border. However, it does not count students who attend nonpublic schools in your district but live in another district.

If you have questions on counting nonpublic and homeschooled students, contact Cindy Jackson at 651.582.8572 or cindy.s.jackson@state.mn.us. If you have trouble with the electronic aspect or would like a tutorial on establishing an account, contact Jeanne Redfield at jeanne.redfield@state.mn.us or 651.582.8462.

Thank you for submitting this important data.