



Most private schools in Utah are currently accredited by the same agency as public schools.

**FACT: ONE-HUNDRED  
TWENTY THREE (123)  
PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN  
UTAH ARE ACCREDITED  
BY THE NORTHWEST  
ASSOCIATION OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

School accreditation is an administrative tool used by schools to establish, and live up to, “best practices” standards. It works like other licensing processes – certification does not ensure quality but it does set an expectation for good operating practices. Most professions have their association. For instance, a person may have a real estate license but not all real estate agents are “Realtors,” meaning they are members in good standing of the Utah Association of Realtors.

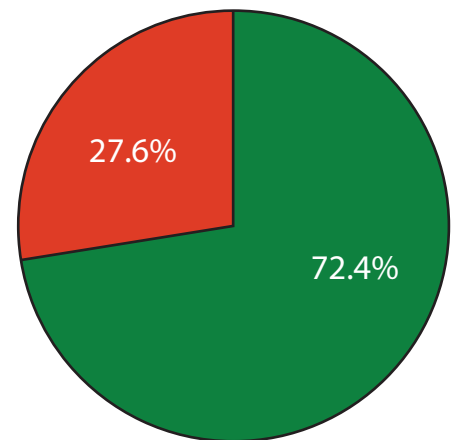
The Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is the accrediting agency for the Utah public school system. It also serves as the accrediting agency for Utah’s private schools that seek this acknowledgment. Most private schools in Utah are accredited by the NAIS.

The Utah State Office of Education maintains a list of 139 private schools, 92 of which are accredited by NAIS. However, 31 NAIS-accredited private schools are

not included on the Office of Education list. This means is that approximately 72.4 percent of Utah private schools are accredited through NAIS.

HB 148 requires each participating private school to inform voucher users of their accreditation status.

Private School Accreditation



■ Accredited ■ Not Accredited