

Approved nonpublic schools seeking to move to Accreditation status will follow the procedures in Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*).

- By July 1 of the year prior to the school becoming accredited, the school notifies NDE of the **intent to apply** for accreditation
- During the year of the application process, the school will verify compliance with the provisions of Rule 10. This is accomplished by submitting a **documentation report** by November 1.
- By March 1, each **school will be visited** by a representative of the Department to verify compliance with Rule 10.
- In May or June, the **State Accreditation Committee** will review the report of the visit and the documentation of compliance with Rule 10. The Committee will forward accreditation recommendations for the coming year to the Commissioner.
- At the July **State Board of Education** meeting, the Commissioner will make a recommendation to the Board that the applicant school be granted accreditation. Upon favorable action by the Board, accreditation is granted for one school year – from each July 1 through the following June 30.