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**A New Look at Public and Private Schools: Student Background and Mathematics Achievement.**

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The claim that private schools do a better job of educating their students than public schools – an argument central to the push for market-style reforms – is rarely questioned. But do the data back it up? The authors examined fourth- and eighth-grade NAEP mathematics achievement in over 1,000 public and private schools to arrive at a surprising answer.

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