The Montana Board of Education initiated the 2010 Montana Assessment of Language Arts to assess and report upon the achievement levels of Grade 5 students throughout the state. The following four subject areas were assessed:

Students in the Helena school districts scored well in all areas of the Language Arts test, with the exception of Grammar. The bar chart below compares the District and State scores.

The following table compares the average scores attained by students in all the Helena school districts to the average scores attained by students state-wide.

The scores in all areas except Grammar are consistently higher; however only the score for Creative Writing is significantly higher—by points.