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PRIVATE SCHOOLS SURVEY

1991-1992

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This report is authorized by law (20 U.S.C. 1221e-1).

**RETURN
TO**

**Bureau of the Census
Current Projects Branch
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001**

Dear Principal/Headmaster/Headmistress:

The National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education, requests your participation in the Private Schools Survey. The purpose of this data collection effort is to obtain current information about private schools including: the type of school, length of school year, the number of students and teachers, and the number of high school graduates, if any. The data will be used to develop a profile of the providers of private education in the United States.

Private schools are a significant segment of the Nation's educational system. Results from previous surveys have shown that approximately 25 percent of all elementary and secondary schools in the United States are private and that these schools enroll approximately 12 percent of the Nation's children and employ 12 percent of the Nation's teachers. The National Center for Education Statistics has instituted this survey in recognition of the importance of private education in the United States.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census is collecting these data for the National Center for Education Statistics by the authority of Sections 406(b) and (c) of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1221e-1).

While there is no penalty for not responding, a high response rate is very important to the success of the survey. I, therefore, encourage you to participate in this voluntary effort by completing this questionnaire and returning it within 3 weeks to the **Bureau of the Census, Current Projects Branch, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001**, in the preaddressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

I thank you for your cooperation in this very important effort.

Sincerely,



EMERSON J. ELLIOTT
Acting Commissioner
National Center for Education Statistics

*(Please correct any error in name,
address, and ZIP Code)*

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any questions regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, address your questions to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, DC 20202-4651; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1850-0641, Washington, DC 20503.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you are unsure about how to answer a question, please give the best answer you can and make a comment in the "Comments" section.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of the Census, toll free, at 1-800-221-1204.

Use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return this questionnaire to the Bureau of the Census. Please return it within the next 3 weeks.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY.

- 1. Does this school serve students in ANY of grades 1 through 12 or comparable ungraded levels?**

- 006 1 ☐ Yes — Go to item 2a
2 ☐ No — DO NOT COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. Please return it to the Bureau of the Census in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

- 2a. For what grade levels does this school offer instruction?**

Mark (X) the box for each grade in which instruction is offered in this school, whether or not there are any students enrolled in that grade. Mark the ungraded level if ungraded levels are offered in this school. Prekindergarten refers only to the year immediately prior to kindergarten.

- b. How many students were enrolled in each grade on October 1 of this school year?**

Report in head counts.

If instruction for a grade level is offered but no students are enrolled in that grade, mark the grade level box in column (a) and enter "0" in column (b).

Instruction offered
Mark (X) all that apply.
(a)

Enrollment
October 1, 1991
(b)

007	1 ☐ Ungraded	008
009	1 ☐ Nursery	010
011	1 ☐ Prekindergarten	012
013	1 ☐ Kindergarten	014
015	1 ☐ 1st	016
017	1 ☐ 2nd	018
019	1 ☐ 3rd	020
021	1 ☐ 4th	022
023	1 ☐ 5th	024
025	1 ☐ 6th	026
027	1 ☐ 7th	028
029	1 ☐ 8th	030
031	1 ☐ 9th	032
033	1 ☐ 10th	034
035	1 ☐ 11th	036
037	1 ☐ 12th	038
039	1 ☐ Postsecondary	040
TOTAL →		041

- c. What is the total number of students who were enrolled in this school on October 1, 1991?**

- 3a. Did this school have any 12th grade students LAST YEAR (School year 1990-1991)?**

- 042 1 ☐ Yes — Go to item 3b
2 ☐ No — Skip to item 3c

- b. Including 1991 summer graduates, how many students received a regular high school diploma in the 1990-1991 school year?**

043 Students

- c. Does this school have any students in the 12th grade THIS YEAR (School year 1991-1992)?**

- 044 1 ☐ Yes — Go to item 3d
2 ☐ No — Skip to item 4, page 3

- d. Including 1992 summer graduates, how many students would you estimate will receive a regular high school diploma in the 1991-1992 school year?**

045 Students

4. How many days are in the school year for students in this school?	046 Days
5. How long is the school day for most students in this school? <i>Report BOTH hours and minutes, e.g., "5" hours and "45" minutes, "6" hours and "0" minutes, etc. If the length of the day varies by grade level, record the longest day.</i>	047 Hours AND 048 Minutes
6a. Does this school offer instruction for the nursery and/or prekindergarten levels?	049 1 ☐ Yes — Go to item 6b 2 ☐ No — Skip to item 7a
b. How many persons holding regular teaching positions were teaching the nursery and/or prekindergarten grades at this school on or about October 1, 1991? (Do not include substitute teachers or student teachers. Include only filled positions; do not count vacant positions. Consider only the amount of time an individual works as a teacher during a typical day at this school.)	050 Full-time teachers 051 Teach at least 3/4 time but less than full time 052 Teach at least 1/2 time but less than 3/4 time 053 Teach at least 1/4 time but less than 1/2 time 054 Teach less than 1/4 time
c. What is the total number of persons who were teaching the nursery and/or prekindergarten grades at this school on or about October 1, 1991? <i>Use the guidelines stated above.</i>	055 Total number of teachers
7a. How many persons holding regular teaching positions were teaching in grades K-12 and/or the comparable ungraded levels at this school on or about October 1, 1991? (Do not include substitute teachers or student teachers. Include only filled positions; do not count vacant positions. Consider only the amount of time an individual works as a teacher during a typical day at this school.)	056 Full-time teachers 057 Teach at least 3/4 time but less than full time 058 Teach at least 1/2 time but less than 3/4 time 059 Teach at least 1/4 time but less than 1/2 time 060 Teach less than 1/4 time
b. What is the total number of persons who were teaching grades K-12 and/or the comparable ungraded levels at this school on or about October 1, 1991? <i>Use the guidelines stated above.</i>	061 Total number of teachers
8. Is this school located in a private home that is used as a family residence?	062 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No
9a. Does this school have a religious orientation, purpose, or affiliation?	063 1 ☐ Yes — Go to item 9b 2 ☐ No — Skip to item 9e, page 5
b. Is this school formally affiliated with a national religious denomination?	064 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No
Comments	

9c. What is this school's religious orientation or affiliation?

Mark (X) only one box.

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- 1 ☐ Roman Catholic — Go to item 9d
- 2 ☐ Amish
- 3 ☐ Assembly of God
- 4 ☐ Baptist
- 5 ☐ Calvinist
- 6 ☐ Christian (no specific denomination)
- 7 ☐ Church of Christ
- 8 ☐ Church of God
- 9 ☐ Disciples of Christ
- 10 ☐ Episcopal
- 11 ☐ Friends
- 12 ☐ Greek Orthodox
- 13 ☐ Islamic
- 14 ☐ Jewish
- 15 ☐ Latter Day Saints
- 16 ☐ Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod
- 17 ☐ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(formerly AELC, ALC, or LCA)
- 18 ☐ Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- 19 ☐ Other Lutheran
- 20 ☐ Mennonite
- 21 ☐ Methodist
- 22 ☐ Pentecostal
- 23 ☐ Presbyterian
- 24 ☐ Seventh-Day Adventist
- 25 ☐ Other — Specify

Skip
to
item
9e,
page
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Answer this item if you marked Roman Catholic
(box 1) in item 9c above.

d. Is this school —

Mark (X) only one box.

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- 1 ☐ Parochial? (or inter-parochial?)
- 2 ☐ Diocesan?
- 3 ☐ Private?

Comments

9e. Which associations or organizations does this school belong to?

Mark (X) all that apply.

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| 067 | 1 ☐ Accelerated Christian Education |
| 068 | 2 ☐ Alternative School Network |
| 069 | 3 ☐ National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools |
| 070 | 4 ☐ American Association of Christian Schools |
| 071 | 5 ☐ American Montessori Society |
| 072 | 6 ☐ Other Montessori association(s) |
| 073 | 7 ☐ Association of Christian Schools International |
| 074 | 8 ☐ Association of Military Colleges and Schools |
| 075 | 9 ☐ Bilingual School Association |
| 076 | 10 ☐ Council of Bilingual Education |
| 077 | 11 ☐ Other association(s) for bilingual education |
| 078 | 12 ☐ Christian Schools International |
| 079 | 13 ☐ Council for Exceptional Children |
| 080 | 14 ☐ National Association of Private Schools for <u>Exceptional</u> Children |
| 081 | 15 ☐ Other association(s) for exceptional children |
| 082 | 16 ☐ Early Childhood Education Association |
| 083 | 17 ☐ Other early childhood education association(s) |
| 084 | 18 ☐ European Council for International Schools |
| 085 | 19 ☐ Other association(s) for international schools |
| 086 | 20 ☐ Friends Council on Education |
| 087 | 21 ☐ General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists |
| 088 | 22 ☐ National Association of Episcopal Schools |
| 089 | 23 ☐ National Association of Independent Schools |
| 090 | 24 ☐ National Independent Private School Association |
| 091 | 25 ☐ Other independent school association(s) |
| 092 | 26 ☐ National Association of Laboratory Schools |
| 093 | 27 ☐ National Catholic Educational Association |
| 094 | 28 ☐ Jesuit Secondary Education Association |
| 095 | 29 ☐ National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise |
| 096 | 30 ☐ National Federation of Church Schools |
| 097 | 31 ☐ National Society of Hebrew Day Schools |
| 098 | 32 ☐ Solomon Schechter Day Schools |
| 099 | 33 ☐ Other Jewish school association(s) |
| 100 | 34 ☐ Oral Roberts Educational Fellowship |
| 101 | 35 ☐ Other Christian school association(s) |
| 102 | 36 ☐ Other religious school association(s) |
| 103 | 37 ☐ Other nonreligious school association(s) |
| 104 | 0 ☐ None |

10a. Which of these best describes this school?

Mark (X) only one box.

- 105** 1 ☐ REGULAR elementary or secondary (Includes preschool)
2 ☐ MONTESSORI
3 ☐ Elementary and/or secondary with a SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPHASIS (e.g., science/math school, performing arts high school, foreign language immersion school, talented/gifted school)
4 ☐ SPECIAL EDUCATION (Serves primarily handicapped students)
5 ☐ VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL (Serves primarily students being trained for occupations)
6 ☐ ALTERNATIVE (Offers a curriculum designed to provide alternative or nontraditional education; does not fall specifically into regular, special education, or vocational school)

Skip to item 11

Go to item 10b

b. Is a major role of this school to support home schooling?

- 106** 1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

11. In what year was this school founded?

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12. Please enter the date you finished the survey.

108 Month Day Year 19

13. Please enter your name, title, telephone number, and the most convenient days and times to reach you. This information will be used only if it is necessary to clarify any of your responses.(1) Name (2) Title (3) Telephone Area code Number (4) Convenient days/time to reach you, if necessary **14. Please verify this school's name and address and enter any corrections on the lines below. If the name and address on the label are correct, enter "Same" on the lines below.**(1) School name (2) Address — Number and street (3) City (4) State (5) ZIP Code

This completes the questionnaire. Please take a minute and check to be certain you have not overlooked a question.

Thank you . . . for assisting us in this important research. Your time and effort are appreciated.

The report for previous surveys "Private Schools in the United States: A Statistical Profile, with Comparisons to Public Schools" can be obtained for a fee by writing to The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.