



What makes Private Schools unique?

Each was founded by an individual or group with a clear and distinct approach to education—a mission. As a result, you can choose the school whose mission matches your child's needs. Private schools also have a Board of Trustees, which protects and nurtures that mission.



The Private School advantage

- According to a US Department of Education study, private school students generally do more homework, watch less television, and read more than their public school counterparts.
- A greater percentage of students participate in the arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.
- Achievement, hard work, and studying are typically valued by all members of the community.
- Teachers interact with students in all aspects of school life and not just in the classroom. They promote critical thinking and a love of learning.
- Teachers have greater instructional latitude.
- The schools emphasize ethical behavior and good citizenship.
- Students are expected to be well-mannered and disciplined.
- Emphasis is placed on communication between school and home.
- Most are funded privately through tuition and charitable contributions.



A National Public Opinion Poll of Perceptions of Independent Schools found

independent schools are seen as the most different in offering a more personal education and an environment that is civil and controlled. Smaller class sizes, individual attention, values, manners, and discipline are the most important factors describing differences between public and independent schools.



A study by Harvard University found

that private school students averaged higher than their public school counterparts in standardized tests in 11 of 12 comparisons of students.



Important to note

- Private school enrollment is selective, unlike public education.
- Private schools are not subject to budget limitations imposed by the state.
- Private schools are not subject to curriculum mandates imposed by the state and do not structure learning around state tests.



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