

WHAT ARE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS?

There are approximately 2,000 independent schools across the United States, providing high-quality and individualized education to over 700,000 students from pre-k through high school.



We mean *independent* in the best sense of the word.

Independent schools have the freedom to serve their individual missions- to let passionate teachers create educational experiences that meet your child's individual needs ***without state mandates regarding curriculum and testing***. They have the freedom to select which academic and extracurricular programs they will offer, and to offer these programs to the students whom they feel most capable of serving well.

THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ADVANTAGE

- **High academic standards** that nurture intellectual curiosity, stimulate personal growth, and encourage critical thinking.
- **Small classes and individual attention** encourage close connections with students.
- **Excellent teachers** who are able to develop a full understanding of how each student learns and what interests and motivates each individually.
- **Education for the whole child** nurtures not just intellectual ability but also personal and social growth and civic conscience.
- **Opportunities** extend well beyond the classroom to athletic competitions, artistic pursuits, and school leadership experiences.
- **Inclusiveness**- diverse and vibrant student communities welcome and respect each family.
- **A community of parents who actively participate in their children's education.** Independent schools promote regular communication among students, parents, and teachers to ensure everyone is working toward the same goals for the student.
- **The opportunity to choose a school with a mission** whose philosophy, values, and teaching approach is right for your child.
- **And most important:** An education that will pay dividends for a lifetime

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