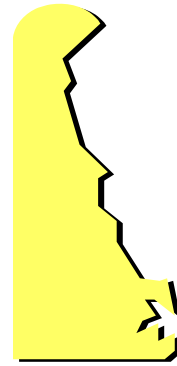


Delaware



ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

Applies to all private schools

- All private schools must register with the state for purposes of reporting attendance.

TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

Applies to all private schools

- A private school must develop, adopt and maintain a written policy regarding the educational records of its students. This policy must address access to records, the confidentiality of records and the method by which records may be amended. private school must periodically review and revise its policy on educational records to ensure continued compliance with federal privacy law.
- All private schools must allow parents to inspect and review the education records of their children who are or have been in attendance at the school.
- All private schools must report attendance information to the state Department of Education annually each summer and by each Oct. 31 they must submit a statement of enrollment as of the last school day in September.
- Private school teachers and the principals must complete and sign all records that are required by laws regulating child labor.
- When a student transfers to any other school in Delaware, the receiving school must immediately request the Cumulative Record File from the sending school. The Cumulative Record File must follow each student transferred from one school to another, including additional files for students with disabilities. Sending schools must promptly transfer a student's Cumulative Record File upon request.

CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools must give regular courses of instruction in the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution and government of Delaware and the free enterprise system. This instruction must begin by the opening of eighth grade and continue in high school. In addition, one calendar day per school year may be specifically devoted to the study of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence in every grade, starting in first grade and continuing through 12th grade.
- The state Department of Education, with the approval of the state Board of Education, must make rules and regulations concerning instruction in driver education in private high schools. The qualification of teachers for driver education must be the same as the qualification for teachers in the public high schools.
- Delaware operates a voluntary teacher licensing and certification system for private school teachers, specialists and administrators.
- Curriculum at private schools should provide "instruction in the subjects prescribed for the public schools of the state in a manner suitable to children of the same age and state of advancement."

HEALTH & SAFETY

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools must have at least one fire drill each month when in session and keep all doors and exits unlocked during school hours.
- Private schools may fingerprint students as a safety measure, with permission and at the request of parents.
- Every person must wear eye-protection devices when entering, participating in, observing or performing any function in connection with any courses or activities taking place in eye-protection areas.
- All school buses that transport private school students must receive a special inspection twice a year at a time and place specified by the state Department of Education. At the inspection, each school bus must be inspected to determine whether it is safe and fit for operation and properly equipped, and a special check must be accomplished with respect to specific school bus safety features.
- Bus drivers must have training, licenses, a criminal background check and a physical.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Students enrolled in non-profit private schools are entitled to transportation within the described boundaries of their public school districts.



This list was compiled by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice based on publicly available laws and regulations. In each state we sought the assistance of the state's Department of Education in ensuring the accuracy of our information. However, given the enormous volume of relevant laws and regulations, some errors or omissions may still occur. The Friedman Foundation welcomes suggestions for corrections or additions to this list. For more information on the regulation of private schools, see "Fifty Educational Markets: State Laws and Regulations Governing Private Schools" by Friedman Foundation Senior Fellow Chris Hammons.