

Nebraska Private School Survey

Introduction

Thank you very much for participating in this brief school survey. We value your responses and input.

Successful completion of all items will automatically enter your school in a random drawing. One selected school will win a \$1,000 gift card. Five randomly selected schools will each win a \$200 gift card. Your responses will remain confidential.

There will be about 15 items for you to answer regarding your school, and depending on the availability of information, this survey should take about 10 to 15 minutes.

We are grateful for your time and assistance. Thank you!

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The following organizations have expressed their support of this survey:

AdvancED (contact: David Hurst at dhurst@advanc-ed.org)

American Montessori Society (AMS)

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

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Basic Information

! Please enter the name of your school.

Please provide your school's name and contact information.

School Name

! Please enter the name of your Town/City.

Street Address1

Street Address2

Town/City

County

ZIP Code

Phone

Web Site Address

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Enrollment and Capacity Information

On the next page, please enter your enrollment and capacity, by grade range (PK, K, 1-5, 6-8, 9-12), for the 2014-15 school year.

We define "capacity" as the total number of student seats in your school, including both currently occupied and currently vacant seats.

Please respond for all levels that apply.

NOTE: Capacity will be greater than or equal to enrollment for the school.

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Enrollment and Capacity Information

13% completed so far...

This question requires an answer.

.....Total Enrolled.....

Pre-Kindergarten	
Kindergarten	
Elementary School (1-5)	
Middle School (6-8)	
High School (9-12)	
Ungraded	

This question requires an answer.

.....Total Capacity.....

Pre-Kindergarten	
Kindergarten	
Elementary School (1-5)	
Middle School (6-8)	
High School (9-12)	
Ungraded	

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School Tuition and Fees

19% completed so far...

[i] This question requires an answer.

For this year, what is the annual average tuition and fees at your school (not including tuition assistance or discounts)? Please respond for all levels that apply.

(feel free to round to nearest \$100)

Pre-Kindergarten

Kindergarten

Elementary School (1-5)

Middle School (6-8)

High School (9-12)

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School Fees

25% completed so far...

Some private schools separate certain fees from the tuition costs. If your school does so, generally how much is charged annually for each of the following fee categories?

Registration/Application

Textbooks

Technology

Transportation

Uniforms

Other (please specify category)

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Financial Aid

31% completed so far...

For this year, what is the
annual average amount of
tuition assistance (including
discounts) per student at
your school?

(feel free to round to nearest
\$100)

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Financial Aid

38% completed so far...

**Approximately what
percentage (%) of your
school's students receive
some form of financial
assistance, including
discounts?**

**(if necessary, feel free to
round to nearest 5% or 10%)**

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Tax-Credit Scholarships

44% completed so far...

Some states give tax credits to businesses if they contribute money to nonprofit organizations that distribute private school scholarships.

Depending on regulations and what would be required of schools, would your school be interested in participating in this kind of "tax-credit scholarship" program? Your response is not binding. Please indicate one:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Probably Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Probably Not
- ☐ No

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Education Savings Accounts

50% completed so far...

Some states allow parents to take their child out of a public district or charter school and receive a payment into a government-authorized "education savings account" - often called an "ESA" - with restricted, but multiple uses. Parents can then use these funds to pay for private school tuition, virtual education programs, private tutoring, and saving for future college expenses, among others.

The State of Nebraska may consider a "school choice" proposal to establish ESAs, allowing parents the option of sending their child to the school of their choice, whether that school is public or private, including both religious and non-religious schools.

Depending on regulations and what would be required of schools, would your school be interested in participating in a school choice program where the state funds ESAs? Your response is not binding. Please indicate one:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Probably Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Probably Not
- ☐ No

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School Vouchers

56% completed so far...

The State of Nebraska may consider a "school choice" proposal to establish vouchers to go directly to students, allowing parents the option of sending their child to the school of their choice, whether that school is public or private, including both religious and non-religious schools.

Depending on regulations and what would be required of schools, would your school be interested in participating in such a school choice program? Your response is not binding. Please indicate one:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Probably Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Probably Not
- ☐ No

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Rules and Regulations

63% completed so far...

What program rules or regulations would concern your school the most? On a scale from 1 (very low concern) to 5 (very high concern), please rate your concern for regulation in each of the following areas.

(not all categories need to be rated)

	Very Low	Somewhat Low	Moderate	Somewhat High	Very High
Financial Reporting & Disclosure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School Eligibility for Program (e.g. register with state)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tuition & Fees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student Eligibility for Program (e.g. income limit)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Building Safety & Security	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Paperwork & Reporting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teacher/Staff Certification & Licensure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accommodations for Students with Special Needs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
School Admissions & Enrollment Guidelines	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Curriculum & Instruction	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Testing & Accountability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please describe below)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other area:

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Standardized Assessments/Testing

70% completed so far...

i This question requires an answer.

Does your school administer some type of norm-referenced assessment (i.e. standardized test) to measure student academic performance?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Standardized Assessments/Testing

75% completed so far...

Do you test all, most, or a few grade levels?

- ☐ All
- ☐ Most
- ☐ Few

Comments?

! This question requires an answer.

This school year, will you be administering the NeSA, or some other national norm-referenced test?

- ☐ NeSA only
- ☐ NeSA + Other(s)
- ☐ Other(s) only

If "Other," please specify:

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Special Education

81% completed so far...

 This question requires an answer.

Does your school serve students who are considered as having special needs*?

☐ Yes

☐ No

*Students within this population may have: autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, serious emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, or other health impairments.

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Special Education

88% completed so far...

**Approximately what
percentage (%) of your
school's students are
considered as having
special needs*?**

**(if necessary, feel free to
round the to nearest
percentage point)**

*Students within this population may have: autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, serious emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, or other health impairments.

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Final Comments?

94% completed so far...

We are close to finishing this survey.

Please provide us with any more details of your school's interests, priorities, or concerns regarding possible participation in a school choice program.

If you have nothing more to share at this time, please go to the next page to complete the survey.

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Survey Completed!

Thank you! We greatly appreciate your time to complete this survey.

In order to enter your school in the random drawing for a \$1,000 or \$200 gift card, please provide us with your brief contact information.

Your Full Name

Job Title

Email Address

Daytime Phone

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Done >>