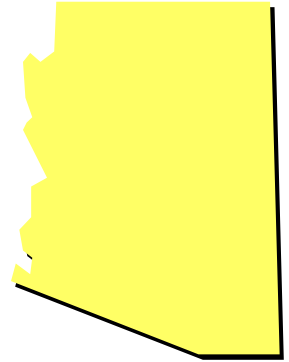


ARIZONA



ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

No requirements for accreditation or licensing in Arizona.

TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

Applies to all private schools

- Upon enrollment, private schools must notify the person enrolling the student in writing that within 30 days the person must provide one of the following: a certified copy of the student's birth certificate; other reliable proof of the student's identity and age, including a baptismal certificate, application for a Social Security number or original school registration records; an affidavit explaining the inability to provide a copy of the birth certificate; or a letter from the authorized representative of an agency having custody of the pupil.
- Within five school days of enrolling a transfer student, a private school must request directly from the student's previous school a certified copy of the student's record. The requesting school must exercise due diligence in obtaining the copy of the record. Notwithstanding any financial debt owed by the student, any school that is requested to forward a copy of a transferring student's record to the new school must forward the record within 10 school days after receipt of the request unless the record has been flagged as belonging to a potential missing child. If the record has been flagged, the requested school may not forward it and must notify the local law enforcement agency.

CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools must provide academic instruction for at least the same number of days and hours each year as public schools. If a child attends a school that is operated on a year-round basis, the child shall regularly attend during school sessions that total not fewer than 175 school days or 200 school days, as applicable, or the equivalent as approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Applies to all private schools

- Each student's immunizations must be recorded on the school immunization record, which must be part of the mandatory permanent student record. The records must be open to inspection by the state Department of Health Services and the local health department.
- Private schools must transfer an immunization record as part of the mandatory permanent student record, and provide at no charge, upon request, a copy of the immunization record to the student's parents.
- Every year, each private school must complete and file a report with the local health department and the state Department of Health Services, stating the number of students who have completed required immunizations or who have submitted laboratory evidence

- of immunity, the number of students with uncompleted required immunizations and the number of students with an exemption from immunization.
- The fire marshal must enforce rules and regulations for establishing programs for evacuating school buildings and for instructing all students as to proper methods and importance of fire prevention and control. Such rules, regulations and programs must be transmitted to the state Department of Education for distribution to schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Private school property not used or held for profit is exempt from taxation.
- Private schools may participate in school meal programs offered by the state and through federal assistance programs.



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.

