

IDAHO



ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

Applies to all private schools

- A person who is employed to serve in a private school (elementary or secondary) as a teacher, supervisor, administrator, education specialist, school nurse or school librarian must hold a related certificate issued under the authority of the state Board of Education. The board may authorize endorsement of certificates valid in other states for use in Idaho for up to five years, when the qualifications for them are at least as high as those required for an Idaho certificate.

TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

Applies to all private schools

- Upon enrollment of a student for the first time in a private school, the school must notify the person enrolling the student in writing that within 30 days that person must provide either a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or another reliable proof of the student's identity and birth date accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate. If the person enrolling a student fails to comply, the school must immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and must notify the person enrolling the student, in writing, that he or she has 10 additional days to comply.
- Within 14 days after enrolling a transfer student, the private school must request directly from the student's previous school a certified copy of his or her record. The requesting school must exercise due diligence in obtaining the copy of the record requested. A student transferring within the same school district need not provide proof of identity and birth date (see above) if the student's record already contains such verified information. Any school that is requested to forward a copy of a transferred student's record must comply within 10 days. Any accredited private school that has an agreement allowing retention of a student's record when the student's tuition or fees have not been paid may instead notify the student's new school that the transferred student's records are being held for nonpayment of tuition or fees.
- Upon notification by state police of a missing or runaway child report, the school in which the child is enrolled must flag the child's record in such a manner that whenever a copy of or information regarding the record is requested, the school shall be alerted to the fact that the record is that of a missing or runaway child. The school must immediately report to the local law enforcement agency any request concerning flagged records or knowledge as to the whereabouts of the missing or runaway child. Flagged records may not be forwarded to other schools. Upon notification by the state police of the return of the missing or runaway child, the school must remove the flag from the child's record.

CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

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All private schools must give instruction in the U.S. Constitution and in the proper use, display, history of and respect for the American flag and the national colors. This instruction must include the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the words and music of the national anthem and of "America." Instruction in citizenship must be given in all private schools, including lessons on the role of a citizen in a constitutional republic, how laws are made, how officials are elected and the importance of voting and of participating

in government. Such instruction also must include the importance of respecting and obeying statutes that are validly and lawfully enacted by the Idaho legislature and the U.S. Congress.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Applies to all private schools

- Upon admission of their child, parents must provide a statement to the school regarding the student's immunity to certain childhood diseases. This statement must provide a certificate, signed by a physician or his representative, stating that the student has received or is in the process of receiving immunizations as specified by the state Board of Health and Welfare or can effectively demonstrate, through verification in a form approved by the state Department of Health and Welfare, immunity gained through prior contraction of the disease.
- Private schools may create, maintain and supervise school safety patrols.
- If requested by a private school, the state Department of Education, through the cooperation of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, must establish a system to obtain a criminal history check on employees of the school or people entering into contracts with the school.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nonpublic school students may be transported, where practicable, when the full costs for providing transportation are recovered.
- The annual vehicle registration fee is \$24 for private school buses transporting students to or from school or in connection with school-approved activities.
- The sale of meals by private schools under the federal school lunch program is exempt from Idaho sales tax.



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.