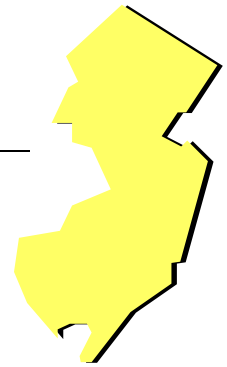


NEW JERSEY



ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

Applies to all private schools

- Each private school must report, to the state education commissioner, annually by Aug. 1, any statistics relating to the conduct of the school that the commissioner may require. No private school may be required to report its expenses or finances, nor may a financial report it makes be published or made public by the state.

CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

Applies to all private schools

- Regular courses of instruction in accident prevention and fire prevention must be given in every private school, adapted to the understanding of the grades and classes in each school.
- Regular courses of instruction in the U.S. Constitution must be given in all private schools, must begin no later than the opening of seventh grade or the equivalent and must continue in high school.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Applies to all private schools

- Every private school of two or more rooms or of a school of one room that is located above the first story of a building must have at least two fire drills each month within school hours. All teachers of all schools, whether occupying buildings of one or more stories, must keep all doors and exits of their respective rooms and buildings unlocked during school hours. When they are available, fire escapes must be used by a part or all of the students performing every fire drill. Every principal and janitor of a school building having furnace-room, hallway or stair-tower fire or smoke doors must keep them closed while the building is occupied by teachers and students.
- No person employed or engaged in a private school may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student attending the school, but any such person may, within the scope of the person's employment, use and apply such amounts of force as is reasonable and necessary.
- The written consent of a parent and a physician of the parent's choice is required before school officials may administer a medication to a student for experimental purposes or for stimulating the learning process.
- Drivers must visually inspect the school buses (or other motor vehicles operated by or under contract with a private school) to which they are assigned at the end of the transportation route to determine that no student has been left on the bus.
- Private schools must permit the self-administration of medication by a student for asthma or other potentially life-threatening illnesses or allergic reactions, provided that the parents provide written authorization.
- Each private school must develop a policy for the emergency administration of epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to a student for anaphylaxis provided that the parents provide written authorization. The policy for the administration of medication to a student must provide that the school nurse shall have the primary responsibility for the administration of the epinephrine. The school nurse must designate, in consultation with the chief school administrator, additional employees who volunteer to

- administer epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to a student for anaphylaxis when the nurse is not present at the scene.
- Each private school must maintain for the use of students at least one nebulizer in the office of the school nurse or in a similar accessible location. Schools may apply to the state Department of Education for reimbursement of costs incurred.
 - Students must be immunized for hepatitis B as a condition of enrollment in grades nine through 12.
 - The board of education of each school district in which a private school is located must provide nursing services for private school students. Within the limit of available funds, the board must adopt policies and procedures to provide private school students with additional medical services and must provide the necessary equipment, materials and services for immunizing private school students from the diseases that students are required to be immunized against by the State Sanitary Code.
 - A student may not be required to receive a pertussis vaccine as a condition for admission to a private school if the child's health care provider states in writing that the vaccine is medically contraindicated and provides the reasons.
 - All private school bus drivers must, in addition to any exam required by law, submit to a medical exam for the presence of alcohol, narcotics or habit-producing drugs within the scope of the New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act.
 - Any private school may require all final candidates for employment or service under contract with the school as a teacher, substitute teacher, teacher aide, school physician, school nurse, custodian, maintenance worker, bus driver, security guard, secretary or clerical worker or for any other position that involves regular contact with pupils to demonstrate that no criminal history record information exists on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division, or the State Bureau of Identification that would disqualify that individual from employment in the public schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The board of education of every school district must have printed and suitably bound in book form copies of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the New Jersey Constitution and present a copy of this book to each private school student upon graduation from elementary school.
- Private schools must provide a voter registration form and material describing the role of a citizen and the importance of voting to each eligible high school student in conjunction with the voter registration drive conducted by each county commissioner of registration.
- When any school district provides any transportation for public school students to and from school, transportation must be supplied to resident students going to and from any remote, non-profit private school located within New Jersey and no more than 20 miles from the student's residence.
- Local boards of education must provide auxiliary and remedial services such as compensatory education, special education, English as a second language and home instruction to eligible students enrolled full time in private schools.
- Local boards of education must provide textbook purchases and loans to full-time private school students upon individual request.
- Local boards of education must provide technology to private school students under the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program.



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.