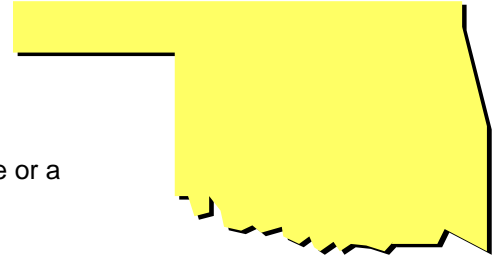


OKLAHOMA



Private schools in Oklahoma may apply for accreditation from the state or a regional accrediting agency if they wish.

ACCREDITATION, LICENSING & APPROVAL

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools may be accredited by the state through the same system as public schools or by an accrediting association approved by the state Board of Education, through procedures established by the board.

TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools must keep attendance records for all students and notify the attendance officer of the local school district of student absences and the causes of those absences.

Applies only to Accredited Private Schools

- Private middle, junior high and high schools accredited by the state must notify the state quarterly of the name, address, race and age of any student who drops out.

CURRICULUM & ACADEMICS

Applies to all private schools

- Private schools are expected to be comparable in quality to the standards the state Board of Education sets for public schools.
- Each school day must consist of at least six hours devoted to school activities.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Applies to all private schools

- Students enrolling in private schools must present certification of immunization from a licensed physician or authorized representative of the state Department of Health.
- Any child afflicted with a contagious disease or head lice may be prohibited from attending a private school until such time as he or she is free from the contagious disease or head lice.
- Private schools must prohibit smoking and the use of snuff, chewing tobacco or any other form of tobacco product in their buildings and on their grounds.
- Private schools may develop a student-fingerprinting program. The program must be developed in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies or an organization providing such services on a voluntary basis. The program must be developed for the sole purpose of providing a means to locate or identify a missing child. Participation must be voluntary.
- No student organization or person associated with a school organization may engage or participate in hazing. Private schools must give each student a copy of the school's policy, rules and regulations prohibiting hazing.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Private schools must provide a suitable U.S. flag with staff or flagpole for every schoolhouse. The flag must be displayed during every school day from a flagstaff or pole or inside during inclement weather.
- Property used exclusively for schools is exempt from taxation.
- Sale of food in school cafeterias or lunch rooms operated primarily for teachers and students, not primarily for the public or for profit, are tax exempt.



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.