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What are Independent Private Schools?

- Independent schools come in all shapes and sizes.
- They include elementary and secondary schools; day and boarding schools; singlesex and coeducation schools.
- Some independent schools are religiously affiliated, and others are not.
- They vary in size and educational approach.



According to the National Association of Independent Schools there are more than 2,000 independent private schools across the United States that provide education to more than 700,000 students.



- Most residentials schools fall under private schools for legislative and policy purposes.
- In most states, cases of child abuse, neglect and assault in private school are deferred to Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services and/or Law Enforcement.
- Private Schools vs. Department of Education
- Sources
 - Dept. of Education (US, State)
 - Legislative Databases
 - Independent/Private/Residential School Associations



Research Background

State Highlights





New Jersey

- Senate Bill 2707 The New Jersey
 Task Force on Child Abuse and
 Neglect.
- The purpose of the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect is to study and develop recommendations regarding the most effective means of improving the quality and scope of child protective and preventative services provided or supported by State government.





Tennessee

 House Bill 2461 creates a single contact for abuse cases in each school and separates investigation records from school records.







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