

Frequently Asked Questions about Private Schools

What is the Idaho Department of Education's role with private schools?

The department provides support to school districts and private schools for equitable services with federal programs. This includes providing an Equitable Services Ombudsman that assists with the implementation of the ESEA Equitable Services for private school requirements.

The Idaho Department of Education maintains a public list of private schools that are accredited through Cognia only.

If you would like to add your private school to our internal list for possible communications regarding professional development or other pertinent information, please fill out this form.

Whom do I contact if I have a concern or complaint about a private school?

The first contact should be with the administrator of the school. If the concern is not resolved at that level, then contact with the school's board should be made.

Does Idaho have voucher or tax credit programs that offer tuition assistance for families interested in a private school?

Idaho's private school tax credit, House Bill 93, was signed into law by Gov. Brad Little on February 27, 2025, and is retroactive to January 1, 2025. The tax credit program will be administered by the <u>Idaho Tax Commission</u>. The full text of the law is <u>available here</u>.