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www.PrivateSchoolAdmissions.com

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*Consultants*

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**Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)**  
www.iecaonline.com

"IECA is widely recognized as the nation's leading professional organization for those educational placement advisors working in private practice. For more than 30 years IECA has helped its members to effectively serve families in placements that include c..."  
www.iecaonline.com

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*Consultants*

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**AdmissionsQuest**  
www.admissionsquest.com

"AdmissionsQuest, a leading Internet service for families and students around the world who are looking for the right private boarding school and day school...."  
www.admissionsquest.com

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*Financial Aid*

*California - Bay Area*

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**BASIC Fund**  
www.basicfund.org  
268 Bush Street  
San Francisco CA 94104  
Phone\_415-986-5650  
Fax\_415.986.5358

"The BASIC Fund (Bay Area Scholarships for Inner-City Children) is a privately funded program whose mission is to broaden the educational opportunities for inner-city children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools in ..." www.basicfund.org

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*Financial Aid*

*California - Contra Costa/Alameda*

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**The Independent Scholarship Fund (ISF)**  
/independent.org/students/isf

Phone\_510-632-1366, ext- 144

"The Independent Scholarship Fund (ISF) is a privately funded scholarship program of The Independent Institute that provides tuition assistance to low- to moderate-income families in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The mission of ISF is to help families..."  
/independent.org/students/isf

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*Illinois - Chicago*

**The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation**

[www.dmsf.org](http://www.dmsf.org)  
228 South Wabash, Suite 600  
Chicago IL 60604  
Phone\_312-455-7800  
Fax\_312-455-7801

"The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF) is a non-profit organization that provides four-year high school scholarships and educational support services to economically disadvantaged Chicago eighth grade students who demonstrate academic potential in orde..."  
[www.dmsf.org](http://www.dmsf.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Maryland - Baltimore*

**Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust (B.E.S.T.)**

[www.besttrust.org](http://www.besttrust.org)  
808 North Charles Street, Suite 200C  
Baltimore MD 21201  
Phone\_410-752-2225  
Fax\_410-752-2249

"The Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust (B.E.S.T.) encourages, supports and increases educational opportunities for talented, economically disadvantaged African-American Students from the Baltimore metropolitan area.  
- B.E.S.T. recruits, interviews, ..." [www.besttrust.org](http://www.besttrust.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Massachusetts - Catholic*

**The Central City School Fund - Catholic Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph**

[www.centralcityschoolfund.org](http://www.centralcityschoolfund.org)  
301 East Armour, Suite 600  
Kansas City MO 64111  
Phone\_816-756-1850  
Fax\_816-756-1571

"To provide needs-based financial assistance to low-income families so that their children may attend a diocesan Catholic School or Early Childhood Center in the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph..."  
[www.centralcityschoolfund.org](http://www.centralcityschoolfund.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Minnesota*

**The Minnesota Independent School Forum Inc. (MISF)**

[www.misf.org](http://www.misf.org)  
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 505  
St. Paul MN 55101  
Phone\_651-297-6716  
Fax\_651-297-6718

"The work of the Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF) is primarily focused on serving two key audiences. First and foremost, MISF focuses its efforts on providing leadership and services, such as programming and scholarship funding, to its 36 member ..." [www.misf.org](http://www.misf.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Minnesota - Twin Cities*

**KidsFirst Scholarship Fund**

[www.kidsfirstmn.org](http://www.kidsfirstmn.org)  
800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 2680  
Minneapolis MN 55402  
Phone\_612-573-2020  
Fax\_612 573-2021

"KidsFirst's mission is to empower low-income parents living in the Twin Cities by giving them the opportunity to choose the school that best fits the needs of their child. - KidsFirst provides partial tuition grants for youngsters in grades K-8. The fund..." [www.kidsfirstmn.org](http://www.kidsfirstmn.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*National - Boarding and Day Schools*

**The Pathways to Success Boarding School Scholarship Program**

[www.commonweal-foundation.org](http://www.commonweal-foundation.org)  
10770 Columbia Pike, Suite 150  
Silver Springs MD 20901  
Phone\_240-450-0000  
Fax\_240-450-4115

"The Pathways to Success program assists students by awarding them scholarships to attend boarding and day schools. The schools' environment provides Pathways students the opportunity to increase their academic skills, gain work experience, and expand their..." [www.commonweal-foundation.org](http://www.commonweal-foundation.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*New Jersey*

**The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children**

[www.rcan.org/icsf](http://www.rcan.org/icsf)  
171 Clifton Avenue, P.O. Box 9500  
Newark NJ 07104-0500  
Phone\_973-497-4283  
Fax\_973-497-4282

"The mission of The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) is to provide disadvantaged children with the opportunity for a sound values-based education in a safe environment by providing scholarships to private and parochial schools. Scholarships..." [www.rcan.org/icsf](http://www.rcan.org/icsf)

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*Financial Aid*

*New Jersey - Newark*

**The Wight Foundation, Inc.**

[www.wightfoundation.org](http://www.wightfoundation.org)  
60 Park Place, 17 Floor  
Newark NJ 07102-3704  
Phone\_973-824-1194  
Fax\_973-824-1196

"The Wight Foundation provides superior opportunities for young men and women of the Greater Newark area and vicinity to achieve academic excellence within a boarding school environment. Established in 1986 by Mr. Russell B. Wight, Jr., The Wight Foundatio..." [www.wightfoundation.org](http://www.wightfoundation.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*New York - Buffalo*

**Buffalo Inner-City Scholarship Opportunity Network (BISON)**

[www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com)  
P.O. Box 1134  
Buffalo NY 14205  
Phone\_716-854-0869  
Fax\_716-854-0877

"The BISON Scholarship Fund is a privately funded tuition assistance program for low-income children living in the city of Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Cheektowaga, Snyder/Eggertsville, Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda. Families awarded a BISON scholarsh..."  
[www.bisonfund.com](http://www.bisonfund.com)

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*Financial Aid*

*Various States*

**Carson Scholar's Fund**

[www.carsonscholars.org](http://www.carsonscholars.org)  
305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite L-020  
Towson MD 21204  
Phone\_410-828-1005  
Fax\_410-828-1007

"The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Students then also receive the honor of being named "Carson Scholars" and are awarded with an Ol..." [www.carsonscholars.org](http://www.carsonscholars.org)

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**KeyCorp - AchieverLoan®**

[www.key.com/html/H-1.31.a7.html](http://www.key.com/html/H-1.31.a7.html)  
127 Public Square  
Cleveland OH  
Phone\_800-539-5363

"K-12 Education Center - Key Education Resources® offers funding solutions and helpful resources to help you make a private school education a reality for your children...." [www.key.com/html/H-1.31.a7.html](http://www.key.com/html/H-1.31.a7.html)

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**Nellie Mae Education Foundation**

[www.nmefdn.org](http://www.nmefdn.org)  
1250 Hancock Street, Suite 205N  
Quincy MA 02169  
Phone\_781-348-4200  
Fax\_781-348-4299  
Toll Free\_877-635-5436

"The Nellie Mae Education Foundation is the largest philanthropy in New England that focuses exclusively on promoting access, quality, and effectiveness of education. Since it was established in 1998, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$83 million in gr..." [www.nmefdn.org](http://www.nmefdn.org)

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**The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF)**

[www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp](http://www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp)  
8 W. 38th Street, 9th floor  
New York NY 10018  
Phone\_212-515-7100  
Fax\_(212) 515-7111

" The Children's Scholarship Fund aims to maximize educational opportunities at all income levels by offering tuition assistance for needy families and promoting a diverse and competitive educational environment...."  
[www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp](http://www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp)

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*Financial Aid*

*Various States*

**Today Foundation - Children's Education Fund (CEF)**  
[www.todayfoundation.org/cef/index.html](http://www.todayfoundation.org/cef/index.html)  
PO Box 225748  
Dallas TX 75222-5748  
Phone\_972-298-1811

"We strive to prevent great kids from falling into the category of at-risk by: providing scholarships that allow parents to send their kids to the private school of their choice; encouraging the creation of high-quality charter schools..." [www.todayfoundation.org/cef](http://www.todayfoundation.org/cef)

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*Financial Aid*

*Washington, DC - African American*

**Black Student Fund**  
[www.blackstudentfund.org](http://www.blackstudentfund.org)  
3636 16th Street NW, 4th Floor  
Washington DC 20010-1146  
Phone\_202-387-1414

"Since 1964, the Black Student Fund (BSF) has provided financial assistance and support services to Washington metropolitan area African-American students, grades pre-kindergarten to 12, and their families. BSF-assisted students stay in school, graduate hi..."  
[www.blackstudentfund.org](http://www.blackstudentfund.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Washington, DC - Latino*

**The Latino Student Fund**  
[www.latinostudentfund.org](http://www.latinostudentfund.org)  
P.O. Box 5403  
Washington DC 20016  
Phone\_202-244-3438  
Fax\_202-244-3757

"Ensuring equal access to education for Washington DC Metropolitan Area Latino Students. The Mission of the Latino Student Fund (LSF) is to provide opportunities for a strong academic foundation for K-12 students of Hispanic descent to promote higher educa..."  
[www.latinostudentfund.org](http://www.latinostudentfund.org)

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*Financial Aid*

*Washington. DC*

**Washington Scholarship Fund**  
[www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org](http://www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org)  
1100 17th Street, NW, Suite 330  
Washington DC 20036  
Phone\_202-222-0535

"The Washington Scholarship Fund (WSF) is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1993 to increase educational opportunities for low-income students and families in Washington, D.C. To accomplish this, we operate two distinct K-12 sch..."  
[www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org](http://www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org)

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*California*

**California Association of Independent Schools**

www.caisca.org  
1351 Third Street, Suite 303  
Santa Monica CA 90401  
Phone\_310-393-5161  
Fax\_310-394-6561

"The California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) is a non-profit organization of more than 190 elementary, middle and secondary schools in California. The Association serves and strengthens its schools by setting standards of academic quality and ..." www.caisca.org

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*Organizations*

*Cleveland*

**Cleveland Council of Independent Schools**

www.ccis-ohio.org  
212 Fox Lane  
Chagrin Falls OH 44022-4184  
Phone\_440-840-5938  
Fax\_440-338-3471

"CCIS, a nonprofit tax exempt 501 (c) (3) organization, was founded in 1967 to promote cooperation among four independent schools of northeastern Ohio in areas in which collaborative efforts might create greater benefits for all. Today, CCIS consists of ov..." www.ccis-ohio.org

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*Organizations*

*Colorado*

**Association of Colorado Independent Schools**

www.acischools.com  
1702 Sumac Avenue  
Boulder CO 80304  
Phone\_303-444-2201  
Fax\_303-682-9104

"The Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the continuous improvement of member schools by providing accreditation, professional development, and advocacy services. It is affiliated with the National A..." www.acischools.com

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*Organizations*

*Connecticut*

**Connecticut Association of Independent Schools**

www.caisct.org  
12 Water Street, Suite 102  
Mystic CT 06355  
Phone\_860-572-2950  
Fax\_860-572-2938

"The Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, founded in 1950, is a voluntary association of 95 non-profit independent schools serving 30,000 students from all Connecticut towns and many other states and countries...." www.caisct.org

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*Organizations*

*Delaware*

**Association of Delaware Valley  
Independent Schools**  
www.advis.org

"ADVIS is the Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools. ADVIS member schools work together to promote independent education and make their schools accessible to a wide range of families. ADVIS is a non-profit organization; its mission is to suppo..." www.advis.org

Phone\_610-527-0130  
Fax\_610-527-4332

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*Organizations*

*Florida*

**Florida Council of Independent Schools**  
www.fcis.org  
1211 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 612  
Tampa FL 33607  
Phone\_813-287-2820  
Fax\_813-286.3025

"The Florida Council of Independent Schools was established in 1954 to set high standards for quality elementary and secondary nonpublic education. It assures, through the accreditation process, that member schools maintain those high standards and indepen..." www.fcis.org

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*Organizations*

*Georgia*

**Georgia Independent School  
Association**  
www.gisa-schools.org  
P.O. Box 1505  
Griffin GA 30224-0036  
Phone\_770-227-3456  
Fax\_770-412-0877

"The Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) is an association of private, independent, and parochial schools throughout the state. In Georgia, as throughout the nation, each member school is unique. Each shares a commitment to overall excellence and..." www.gisa-schools.org

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*Organizations*

*Hawaii*

**Hawaii Association of Independent  
Schools**  
www.hais.org  
Ala Moana Pacific Ctr, 1585 Kapiolani Bl., Suite  
1212  
Honolulu HI 96814  
Phone\_808-973-1540  
Fax\_808-973-1545

"Founded in 1969, the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) is an organization of member schools that advocates on behalf of independent education in Hawaii and participates actively in the educational dialogue in our community. It provides serv..." www.hais.org

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*Organizations*

*Iowa*

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**The Iowa Association for Middle Level Education**  
www.iamle.org

"Dedicated to meeting the needs of young adolescents and committed to promoting educational improvement for middle level students...." www.iamle.org

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*Organizations*

*Kalamazoo*

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**Kalamazoo Christian School Association (KCSA)**  
www.kcsa.org  
2121 Stadium Drive  
Kalamazoo MI 49008  
Phone\_269-381-2044

"The Kalamazoo Christian Schools have established a solid reputation for excellent academic and extracurricular programs. All subjects are taught with the knowledge that Jesus is Lord over all creation. The Bible is our foundation and guide in exploring th..." www.kcsa.org

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*Organizations*

*Maryland*

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**Association of Independent Maryland Schools**  
www.aimsmd.org  
890 Airport Park Road, Suite 103  
Glen Burnie MD 21061  
Phone\_301-858-6311  
Fax\_410-761-5771

"AIMS is a voluntary organization of private, independent elementary and college preparatory schools in Maryland and the District of Columbia. All 115 member schools work together to improve education for their more than 45,000 students...." www.aimsmd.org

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*Organizations*

*Michigan*

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**Association of Independent Michigan Schools**  
www.aims-mi.org  
P.O. Box 186  
Interlochen MI 49643  
Phone\_231-275-3506  
Fax\_231-275-3507

"Michigan's Independent Schools are diverse, and yet, as non-public schools, all have similarities. Whether urban or rural, elementary or secondary, day or boarding, each school is governed by a Board of Trustees, is independent in its governance and finan..." www.aims-mi.org

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Mississippi

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**Mississippi Private School Association**

[www.mpsa.org](http://www.mpsa.org)  
176 Country Place Parkway  
Pearl MS 39208

Fax\_601-932-8265

"The Mississippi Private School Association serves as the accrediting agency for over 120 schools in a three state area. In addition to accrediting schools and certifying teachers, the MPSA also oversees competition in the following sports: football, girls..." [www.mpsa.org](http://www.mpsa.org)

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Organizations

Missouri

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**Missouri Council for American Private Education (MO-CAPE)**

[www.mocape.org](http://www.mocape.org)  
20 Archbishop May Drive  
St. Louis MO 63119

"MO-CAPE's member groups operate 465 private schools in Missouri, with an enrollment of over 98,000 elementary and secondary students, including approximately 7,000 in pre-kindergarten classes. The council has made an ongoing commitment to furthering priva..." [www.mocape.org](http://www.mocape.org)

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**Missouri Independent School Association**

[www.mocape.org/misa\\_west.asp](http://www.mocape.org/misa_west.asp)

Phone\_816-942-3282

"The Missouri Independent School Association (MISA) has 33 schools in its membership. It includes the 27 members of the St. Louis Confederation of Independent Schools, with an enrollment of 8,912 and a professional staff of 1,339. MISA has an enrollment ..." [www.mocape.org/misa\\_west.asp](http://www.mocape.org/misa_west.asp)

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Organizations

Missouri - St Louis

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**Independent Schools of St. Louis**

[www.independentschools.org](http://www.independentschools.org)  
425 South Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis MO 63131  
Phone\_314-567-9229  
Fax\_314-567-4074

"Independent Schools of St. Louis, a non-profit professional association established in 1972, includes 46 independently governed elementary and secondary schools throughout the metropolitan St. Louis region. Each school undergoes a rigorous examination pro..." [www.independentschools.org](http://www.independentschools.org)

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*National - Boarding Schools*

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**Junior Boarding School Association**  
www.jbsa.org

"The Junior Boarding School Association, founded in 1989, is committed to creating a positive and dynamic awareness of the junior boarding school experience as an enriching and challenging yet nurturing choice for the education of elementary and middle sch..." www.jbsa.org

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**Parochial School Directory**  
www.parochial.com  
P.O. Box 62293  
North Charleston SC 29419

"Locate a Parochial School in your area select the state of your choice. There are over 7250 Parochial Schools throughout the United States...." www.parochial.com

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**The Association of Boarding Schools**  
www.schools.com  
9 SW Pack Square, Suite 201  
Asheville NC 28801  
Phone\_828-258-5354  
Fax\_828-258-6428

"Boarding schools are independent, college preparatory schools that provide residential facilities for students and faculty. They are sometimes referred to as "intentional communities" because faculty and staff strive to create a secure environment for stu..." www.schools.com

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*Organizations*

*National - Catholic*

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**Catholic Boarding Schools Association**  
www.cbsa.org

"The Catholic Boarding Schools Association (CBSA) is an affiliation of North American Catholic schools which share a residential component in their educational programs. The purposes of CBSA are: 1. To promote Catholic boarding schools; 2. To market Cathol..." www.cbsa.org

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**National Catholic Educational Association**  
www.ncea.org  
1077 30th Street, NW, Suite 100  
Washington DC 20007-3852  
Phone\_202-337-6232  
Fax\_202-333-6706

"NCEA is the largest private professional education organization in the world, representing 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in religious education programs, in seminaries and in colleges..." www.ncea.org

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www.ncea.org  
1077 - 30th Street, N.W., Suite 100  
Washington DC 20007-3852  
Phone\_202-337-6232  
Fax\_202-333-6706

"NCEA is the largest private professional education organization in the world, representing 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in religious education programs, in seminaries and in colleges..." www.ncea.org

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*National - Catholic*

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*National - Christian*

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**Association of Christian Schools  
International**

www.acsi.org  
731 Chapel Hills Drive  
Colorado Springs CO 80920  
Phone\_719-528-6906  
Fax\_719-531-0631  
Toll Free\_800-367-0798

"The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) strives to enable and equip Christian educators and schools worldwide to effectively educate children and young people with the mind of Christ. Thus, students will be prepared for life because Chri..." www.acsi.org

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**Christian Schools International**

www.csionline.org  
3350 East Paris Avenue SE  
Grand Rapids MI 49512-3054  
  
Fax\_616-957-5022  
Toll Free\_800-635-8288

"Christian Schools International is the first educational organization to serve Christian schools. Founded in 1920, we have more than eight decades of experience serving Christian schools throughout North America and the world. Our view of the world is fir..." www.csionline.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Educational Success*

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**I Have A Dream Foundation**

www.ihaveadreamfoundation.org  
330 Seventh Avenue, 20th Floor  
New York NY 10001  
Phone\_212-293-5480  
Fax\_212-293-5478

"The "I Have A Dream" Foundation is working to ensure that all children have the opportunity to pursue higher education. We empower children in low-income communities to achieve higher education by providing them with guaranteed tuition support and equippi..." www.ihaveadreamfoundation.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Episcopal*

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**National Association of Episcopal  
Schools**

www.episcopalschools.org  
815 Second Ave. Suite 819  
New York NY 10017  
Phone\_212-716-6134  
Fax\_212-286-9366  
Toll Free\_800-334-7626 ext. 6134

"The National Association of Episcopal Schools, an independently incorporated, voluntary membership organization, supports, serves and advocates for the vital work and ministry of those who serve over 1000 schools, Early Childhood Education programs and sc..." www.episcopalschools.org

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*National - Exceptional Children*

**National Association of Private Schools  
for Exceptional Children**

www.napsec.org  
1522 K Street, NW, Suite 1032  
Washington DC 20005  
Phone\_202-408-3338  
Fax\_202-408-3340

"NAPSEC is a non-profit association whose mission is to represent private special education centers and their leadership. NAPSEC promotes high quality programs for individuals with disabilities and their families and advocates for access to the continuum o..." www.napsec.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Gifted*

**Education Program for Gifted Youth  
(EPGY)**

epgy.stanford.edu  
Ventura Hall, 220 Panama Street  
Stanford CA 94305-4101  
Phone\_650-614-2400  
Fax\_650-614-2304  
Toll Free\_800-372 EPGY

"The Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) at Stanford University is a continuing project dedicated to developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses. Combining technical and instructional expertise, EPGY provides high-abil..." epgy.stanford.edu

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*Organizations*

*National - Gifted Students*

**National Association for Gifted Children**

www.nagc.org  
1707 L Street, NW Suite 550  
Washington DC 20036  
Phone\_202-785-4268  
Fax\_202-785-4248

"An estimated 3,000,000 gifted children sit in classrooms across the U.S. today. Because learning styles and levels vary widely, the needs of "smart kids" are far too often overlooked in the logical quest to meet minimum standards. But that begs the quest..." www.nagc.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Independent Schools*

**The National Association of  
Independent Schools (NAIS)**

www.nais.org  
1620 L Street, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington DC 20036-5605  
Phone\_202-973-9700  
Fax\_202-973-9790

"The National Association of Independent Schools, governed by a board of trustees and staffed by approximately 40 individuals, is a membership organization and the national voice of independent education. NAIS represents more than 1,300 independent schools..." www.nais.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Jewish*

**Jewish Education Service of North America**

www.jesna.org  
318 West 39th Street, 5th Floor  
New York NY 10018  
Phone\_212-284-6950  
Fax\_212-284-6951

"In order to ensure that the Jewish people thrive and its values flourish, we must first ensure that Jewish education is the best that it can be in all of its variety. JESNA's role -- to strengthen communities and their educational offerings by providing te..." www.jesna.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Middle School*

**National Middle School Association**

www.NMSA.org  
4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300  
Westerville OH 43081  
Phone\_800-528-NMSA (6672)

"Since its inception in 1973, National Middle School Association (NMSA) has been a voice for those committed to the educational and developmental needs of young adolescents. NMSA is the only national education association dedicated exclusively to those in ..." www.NMSA.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Military*

**Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States**

www.amcsus.org  
3604 Glenbrook Road  
Fairfax VA 22031-3211  
Phone\_703-272-8406

"The Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS) is a group of schools (college preparatory schools; two-year colleges; and colleges and universities) which provide a quality education in a military environment with emphasis ..." www.amcsus.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Montessori*

**American Montessori Society**

www.amshq.org  
281 Park Avenue South  
New York NY 10010-6102  
Phone\_212-358-1250  
Fax\_212-358-1256

"AMS provides the leadership and inspiration to make Montessori a significant voice in education. The Society advocates quality Montessori education, strengthens members through its services, and champions Montessori principles to the greater community...." www.amshq.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Private Education*

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**Council for American Private Education**

www.capenet.org  
13017 Wisteria Drive, #457  
Germantown MD 20874  
Phone\_301-916-8460  
Fax\_301-916-8485

"The Council for American Private Education (CAPE) is a coalition of national organizations and state affiliates serving private elementary and secondary schools. There are 29,000 private schools in America; in fact, one in four of the nation's schools is ..." www.capenet.org

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**The National Private Schools Association Group (NPSAG)**

www.npsag.com  
8815 Conroy-Windermere Road, Suite 413  
Orlando FL 32835  
Phone\_407-522-0124  
Fax\_407-298-3703

"NPSAA is dedicated to serving the needs of the Independent, (Non-Public), Private School Industry in the United States who teach Students in grades ranging from Preschool through High School. NPSAA also Accredits some Post Secondary and Technical Programs..." www.npsag.com

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*Organizations*

*National - Private School*

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**National Independent Private School Association**

www.nipsa.org  
10134 SW 78th Court  
Miami FL 33156  
Phone\_305-630-2557  
Fax\_305-275-8881

"The National Independent Private Schools Association exists to: \* Encourage the accreditation process \* Recognize, encourage and improve the quality of private school education \* Engage freely in all lawful activities and efforts that may advance or enhan..." www.nipsa.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Religious*

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**Network of Sacred Heart Schools**

www.sofie.org  
700 North Third Street  
St. Charles MO 63301  
Phone\_636-724-7003  
Fax\_636-724-4049

"The Network of Sacred Heart Schools is an association of twenty-one Sacred Heart schools across the United States. Together they are dedicated to the values of Christian education articulated nearly two hundred years ago by the foundress of the Society of..." www.sofie.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Single Sex - Female*

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**The National Coalition of Girls' Schools**

www.ncgs.org  
57 Main Street  
Concord MA 01742  
Phone\_978-287-4485

"The National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS) is a leading advocate for girls' education. Believing that girls' schools are the most powerful, transformative learning environments for girls, NCGS seeks to document the unique qualities that best define t..." www.ncgs.org

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*Organizations*

*National - Single Sex - Male*

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**International Coalition of Boys' Schools**

www.boyschoolscoalition.org  
7 Forehand Drive  
Dennis MA 02638  
Phone\_207-882-7447

"Founded in 1995, the International Boys' Schools Coalition is a not-for-profit coalition of independent, parochial and public schools from around the world dedicated to the education and development of boys, the professional growth of those who work with ..."  
www.boyschoolscoalition.org

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*Organizations*

*New England*

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**Association of Independent Schools in New England**

www.aisne.org  
222 Forbes Road, Suite 106  
Braintree MA 02184  
Phone\_781-843-8440  
Fax\_781-843-3933

"Let AISNE be your gateway to independent schools in New England..." www.aisne.org

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*Organizations*

*New Jersey*

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**New Jersey Association of Independent Schools**

www.njais.org  
629 Amboy Avenue, Third Floor  
Edison NJ 08837  
Phone\_732-661-9000  
Fax\_732-661-9018

"The New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS) is the collective voice of independent schools throughout the state of New Jersey. It promotes and supports educational, ethical, and professional excellence in member schools. NJ AIS celebrates the..." www.njais.org

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*Organizations*

*New York*

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**Independent Schools Admissions  
Association of Greater New York**  
www.isaagny.org

"ISAAGNY is a non-profit association of early childhood and ongoing schools that grew out of the need to clarify the process of applying to independent schools and make the transition between schools easier for applicants and their families.  
- ISAAGNY off..." www.isaagny.org

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**New York State Association of  
Independent Schools**  
www.nysais.org  
12 Jay Street  
Schenectady NY 12305  
Phone\_518-346-5662  
Fax\_518-346-7390

"NYSAIS is a voluntary association of some 180 independent nursery, elementary and secondary schools enrolling some 70,000 students. It is affiliated with the National Association of Independent Schools and the New York State Coalition for Independent and..."  
www.nysais.org

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*Organizations*

*New York - New York*

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**The Parents League of New York**  
www.parentsleague.org  
115 East 82nd Street  
New York NY 10028  
Phone\_212 737-7385  
Fax\_212 737-7389

"Parents League is a not-for-profit membership organization of Independent Schools and families. The Parents League is affiliated with over 250 independent schools, including early childhood programs, day schools and boarding schools.  
- We know schools. O..." www.parentsleague.org

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*Organizations*

*North Carolina*

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**North Carolina Association of  
Independent Schools**  
www.ncais.org  
13000 South Tryon Street, Suite 235  
Charlotte NC 28278  
Phone\_704-461-1812

"NCAIS is an association of 83 schools, with over 3500 teachers serving approximately 35,000 students. The association encourages communication among member schools, fosters the traditional freedom of the independent school to practice its philosophy of ed..." www.ncais.org

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Organizations

Northern New England

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**Independent Schools Association of Northern New England**

www.isanne.org  
38 Clark Grove Road  
Bowerbank MA 04426  
Phone\_207-564-2333  
Fax\_207-564-2422

"We in the Independent Schools Association of Northern New England believe that there is no purpose more worthy or essential than educating our children. In a day and age of voluminous quantities of information and imagery being rapidly disseminated, in a ..." www.isanne.org

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Organizations

Ohio

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**Ohio Association of Independent Schools**

www.oais.org  
PO Box 630  
Sunbury OH 43074-0630  
Phone\_740-965-2739  
Fax\_740-965-1373

"The Ohio Association of Independent schools (OAIS) is a non-profit organization of pre-primary, elementary, middle and secondary schools whose purpose is to support and advance independent education in Ohio. It does so by: Working to foster and preserve i..." www.oais.org

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Organizations

Pennsylvania

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**Pennsylvania Association of Private Academic Schools**

www.paispa.org  
37 East Germantown Pike, Suite 302  
Plymouth Meeting PA 19462  
Phone\_610-567-2960  
Fax\_610-567-2963

"PAIS, Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools, is a not-for-profit voluntary membership organization serving almost 100 independent schools, representing close to 40,000 students, in Pennsylvania. - As an association which provides member services..." www.paispa.org

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Organizations

Pennsylvania - Philadelphia

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**Independent School Consortium of Greater Philadelphia**

www.isconsortium.org  
450 Lancaster Avenue  
Haverford PA 19041

"We are an organization representing over twenty independent schools in the Philadelphia region. The ISC staff works directly with each of the Consortium schools in order to assist them in recruiting and increasing the presence of faculty and staff of colo..." www.isconsortium.org

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*Organizations*

*Regional - Central States*

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**Independent Schools Association of the Central States**

www.isacs.org  
1165 North Clark Street, Suite 311  
Chicago IL  
Phone\_312-255-1244

"The Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) is a membership organization of more than 225 independent schools from 13 states of the Midwest region.  
- MISSION: The purpose of ISACS is to promote the development of strong learning com..." www.isacs.org

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*Organizations*

*Regional - Middle States*

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**Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)**

www.css-msa.org  
3624 Market Street  
Philadelphia PA 19104-2680  
Phone\_215-662-5603  
Fax\_215-662-0957

"The Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools (MSCSS), the premier American regional accreditation agency, is the leader in ensuring that all students in its region receive the highest quality of education and achieve at levels expected by society. Th..." www.css-msa.org

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*Organizations*

*Regional - Midwest*

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**Midwest Boarding Schools**

www.mwbs.org  
PO Box 218  
Faribault MN 55021  
Phone\_800-799-6927

"Midwest Boarding Schools (MWBS) is a non-profit association of 31 schools working together to promote residential school communities as one of the many educational choices in the Midwestern United States. These outstanding schools are located in a ten-sta..." www.mwbs.org

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*Organizations*

*Regional - New England*

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**New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)**

www.neasc.org  
209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201  
Bedford MA 01730-1433  
Phone\_781/271-0022  
Fax\_781/ 271-0950

"Founded in 1885, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. (NEASC), is the nation's oldest regional accrediting association whose mission is the establishment and maintenance of high standards for all levels of education, from pre-K to the ..." www.neasc.org

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*Organizations*

*Regional - North Central*

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**North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement**  
[www.ncacasi.org](http://www.ncacasi.org)

"Founded in 1895, NCA CASI accredits over 8,500 public and private schools in 19 states, the Navajo Nation, and the Department of Defense Schools. NCA CASI is an accreditation division of AdvancED. AdvancED is also the parent organization of the Southern A..." [www.ncacasi.org](http://www.ncacasi.org)

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*Organizations*

*Regional - Pacific Northwest*

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**Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools**  
[www.pnais.org](http://www.pnais.org)  
5001 California Ave. SW (Suite 112)  
Seattle WA 98136  
Phone\_206-323-6137  
Fax\_206-324-4863

"The mission of the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools is to promote high educational quality for our schools through the establishment and advancement of comprehensive accreditation standards, to foster collegial and ethical relations am..." [www.pnais.org](http://www.pnais.org)

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*Organizations*

*Regional - South*

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**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)**  
[www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur GA 30033  
Phone\_404-679-4500  
Fax\_404-679-4558

"The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission's mission is the enhancement of educational ..."  
[www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)

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**Southern Association of Independent Schools**  
[www.sais.org](http://www.sais.org)  
1866 Southern Lane, Suite 107  
Decatur GA 30033  
Phone\_404-633-2203

"The Southern Association of Independent Schools is a voluntary organization of independent elementary and secondary schools throughout the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean.  
- SAIS addresses issues of importance to non-public schools such as o..." [www.sais.org](http://www.sais.org)

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Organizations

Regional - Southwest

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**Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools**

[www.swaes.org](http://www.swaes.org)  
1420 4th Avenue, Suite 29  
Canyon TX 79015  
Phone\_806-655-2400  
Fax\_806-655-2426  
Toll Free\_866-655-7237

"SAES covers a six-state region serving schools with grades PS through 12th grade. Overall, we accredit more than 80 schools and serve more than 125 member schools. Accredited Schools, Member Schools, and Associate Members receive the educational journal, ..."  
[www.swaes.org](http://www.swaes.org)

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Organizations

Regional - Western

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**Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**

[www.wascweb.org](http://www.wascweb.org)

"The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a 501 (c) 3 organization, is recognized as one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. - The Western region covers ins..." [www.wascweb.org](http://www.wascweb.org)

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Organizations

Southwest

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**Independent Schools Association of the Southwest**

[www.isasw.org](http://www.isasw.org)  
505 North Big Spring Street, Suite 406  
Midland TX 79701  
Phone\_432-684-9550  
Fax\_432-684-9401

"The Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS) promotes the highest professional and ethical standards of educational excellence for independent schools in the region and recognizes by formal ongoing accreditation those schools which demonstr..."  
[www.isasw.org](http://www.isasw.org)

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Organizations

Tennessee

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**Tennessee Association of Independent Schools**

[www.taistn.org](http://www.taistn.org)  
2014 Broadway, Suite 245  
Nashville TN 37203  
Phone\_615-312-2800  
Fax\_615-312-2827

"The Tennessee Association of Independent Schools is the active voice and connective resource for approximately 60 independent schools and more than 3,500 educators in Tennessee.  
- Organized in 1968, TAIS is a service organization and network of non-profi..." [www.taistn.org](http://www.taistn.org)

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*Organizations*

*Virginia*

**Virginia Association of Independent Schools**

www.vais.org  
6802 Paragon Place, Suite 525  
Richmond VA 23230  
Phone\_804-282-3592  
Fax\_804-282-3596

"VAIS has served since 1973 as the Commonwealth's first resource for independent pre-collegiate education, promoting educational, ethical, and professional excellence in its member schools. VAIS is an approved accrediting body recognized by the Virginia Bo..." www.vais.org

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*Organizations*

*Washington, DC*

**Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington**

www.aisgw.org  
P O Box 9956  
Washington DC 20016  
Phone\_202-625-9223  
Fax\_202-625-9225

"The Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (AISGW) provides support to independent schools in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. AISGW's membership includes 84 non-profit schools. These schools – elementary, secondary, day and boardi..." www.aisgw.org

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**Capital Partners for Education**

www.cpe.org  
1413 K Street, NW, 2nd Floor  
Washington DC 20005  
Phone\_202-682-6020  
Fax\_202-682-6026

"Capital Partners for Education (CPE) has been effectively improving the futures of low-income, high achieving youth by helping them receive a quality education, graduate from high school, and attend college. CPE is the only youth organization in the Washi..." www.cpe.org

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*Programs*

*California - Los Angeles*

**Independent School Alliance for Minority Affairs**

www.thealliance-la.org  
1545 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 711  
Los Angeles CA 90017  
Phone\_213-484-2411  
Fax\_213-484-2545

"It is the mission of the Alliance to inform members of racial communities presently underrepresented in independent schools of the option of independent school education; to identify applicants from these communities and assist them in the application pro..." www.thealliance-la.org

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Programs

Massachusetts - Boston

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**The Steppingstone Foundation**

www.tsf.org  
155 Federal Street, Suite 800  
Boston MA 02110  
Phone\_617-423-6300

"The Steppingstone Academy prepares motivated urban schoolchildren for acceptance and success at top independent and public exam schools in the greater Boston area. After gaining admission to The Steppingstone Academy, Scholars participate in a rigorous ac..."  
www.tsf.org

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Programs

National

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**A Better Chance**

www.abetterchance.org  
240 West 35th Street, 9th Floor  
New York NY 10001  
Phone\_646-346-1310  
Fax\_646-946-1311  
Toll Free\_800-562-7865

"A Better Chance is the oldest and only national organization of its kind changing the life trajectory for academically talented youth of color via access to rigorous and prestigious educational opportunities for students in grades 6-12. Our mission is to..." www.abetterchance.org

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**Breakthrough Collaborative**

www.breakthroughcollaborative.org  
545 Sansome Street, Suite 700  
San Francisco CA 94111  
Phone\_415-442-0600  
Fax\_415-442-0609

"At Breakthrough, we envision a day when all children will have equal access to excellent educational opportunities and enthusiastic teachers committed to students' educational success.  
- Breakthrough believes in the power of education to radically change..." www.breakthroughcollaborative.org

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**The Educational Register**

www.vincentcurtis.com  
29 Simpson Lane  
Falmouth MA 02540-2230  
Phone\_508-457-6473  
Fax\_508-457-6499

"The editors of the Educational Register have been providing free information and advice about private schools and camps to families since 1941. We have traveled throughout the U.S., Canada and Western Europe, know the 1200 programs on this site personally..."  
www.vincentcurtis.com

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Programs

New York - Harlem,

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**The East Harlem School at Exodus House**

www.eastharlemschool.org  
309 East 103rd Street  
New York NY 10029  
Phone\_212-876-8775  
Fax\_212-876 8776

"The East Harlem School educates middle school students (grades 5-8) from East Harlem who wish to rise to their academic potential. The East Harlem School values teaching children who exhibit a desire to learn, and an eagerness to embrace new challenges. T..."  
www.eastharlemschool.org

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*Programs*

*New York - New York*

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**City Prep**

www.cityprep.org  
1406 Merriam Avenue  
Bronx NY 10452  
Phone\_914-723-5231

"CITY PREP is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to improving the schooling of bright and talented minority youth in the South Bronx. It operated an after school, weekend and summer enrichment program for students aged 19-14 and a concurrent ..."  
www.cityprep.org

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**Early Steps**

540 East 76th Street  
New York NY 10021-3105  
Phone\_212 288-9684

"No-fee agency dedicated to diversifying private schools. Parents of minority children will be guided through the application and interview process step by step...."  
www.abetterchance.org

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**Prep for Prep**

www.prepforprep.org  
163 West 91st Street  
New York NY 10024  
Phone\_212-579-1470  
Fax\_212-579-1459

"Prep for Prep is a long-term investment strategy to develop the leadership potential of able young people from segments of society grossly under-represented in the leadership pool from which all of our major institutions draw. By expanding the nation's l..." www.prepforprep.org

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**Teak Fellowship**

www.teakfellowship.org  
16 West 22nd Street, 3rd Floor  
New York NY 10010  
Phone\_212-288-6678  
Fax\_212-288-5058

"The TEAK Fellowship helps talented New York City students from low-income families gain admission to and succeed at top high schools and colleges. Along with academic support, TEAK provides leadership training, exposure to the arts and outdoors, mentoring..."  
www.teakfellowship.org

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*School Directories*

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**Handbook of Private Schools**

www.portersargent.com  
11 Beacon St. Ste 1400  
Boston, MA 02108-3099 MA 02108-3099  
Phone\_617-523-1670

"The Porter Sargent Handbook Series continues its founder's mission: to serve educators, parents and others concerned with the independent and critical evaluation of primary and secondary educational options, leading to a suitable choice for each student...."  
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**Peterson's**

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
Princeton Pike Corp Center, 2000 Lenox Dr. 3rd  
Fl.  
Lawrenceville NJ 08648  
Phone\_609-896-1800

"Peterson's K-12 Planner: Explore summer programs and private schools, prepare for entrance exams, find financial aid, and get in..." [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

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**Porter Sargent Publishers Inc.**

[www.portersargent.com](http://www.portersargent.com)  
11 Beacon Street, Suite 1400  
Boston MA 02108-3099  
Phone\_617-523-1670  
Fax\_617-523-1021

"Esteemed educational and social critic Porter Sargent pioneered educational advising and publishing, establishing The Handbook of Private Schools in 1914 "to present a comprehensive and composite view of the private school situation . . . to include only ..."  
[www.portersargent.com](http://www.portersargent.com)

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**The Bunting & Lyon Blue Book - A  
Private School Directory**

[www.buntingandlyon.com](http://www.buntingandlyon.com)  
238 North Main Street  
Wallingford CT 06492  
Phone\_203-269-3333  
Fax\_203-269-5697

"Bunting & Lyon's Blue Book features descriptions of private schools in North America and abroad that meet our standards of acceptance. These private schools serve students from nursery through Grade 12 and a postgraduate year...." [www.buntingandlyon.com](http://www.buntingandlyon.com)

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**The Educational Register Vincent-Curtis**

[www.VincentCurtis.com](http://www.VincentCurtis.com)  
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Falmouth MA 02540  
Phone\_508-457-6473  
Fax\_508-457-6499

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[www.VincentCurtis.com](http://www.VincentCurtis.com)

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*School Ratings*

**Academic Performance Index**

[www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap)  
1430 N Street  
Sacramento CA 95814-5901  
Phone\_916-319-0800

"Academic Performance Index (API) - The cornerstone of California's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999; measures the academic performance and growth of schools on a variety of academic measures...."  
[www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/)

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*School Ratings*

**Boarding School Review**

www.boardingschoolreview.com

"Boarding School Review provides a unique look into college-preparatory and junior boarding schools. We are the first and only service to offer alumni reviews, detailed school profiles, and interactive tools to help families research college-preparatory b..."  
www.boardingschoolreview.com

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**DataQuest**

data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest

"DataQuest helps you find facts about California schools and districts..." data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest

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**Great School.net**

www.greatschools.net  
301 Howard Street, Suite 1440  
San Francisco CA 94105  
Phone\_415-977-0700  
Fax\_415.977.0704

" GreatSchools empowers and inspires parents to get involved in their children's development and educational success. We offer preschool, elementary, middle and high school information for public, private and charter schools nationwide. School information ..." www.greatschools.net

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**School Match**

www.schoolmatch.com

Phone\_614-890-1573

"SchoolMatch by Public Priority Systems, Inc. is a research and database service company that collects, audits, integrates, processes and manages information about public and private elementary and secondary schools...."  
www.schoolmatch.com

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**School Matters, Standard & Poor's,  
School Evaluation Services**

www.schoolmatters.com  
55 Water Street, 44th Floor  
New York NY 10041

"Since its inception in 2001, as an independent, analytical resource for state and education leaders, Standard & Poor's (S&P) School Evaluation Services has evolved and become a valuable resource for parents.  
- In 2005, S&P began providing parents and tax..."  
www.schoolmatters.com

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*Testing*

**Cooperative Entrance Examination  
(COOP)**

www.petersons.com

"The Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP) exam is used as an entrance exam for select private Catholic high schools in NY and NJ...." www.petersons.com

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*Testing*

**Educational Testing Service - ETS**

[www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)  
ETS Corporate Headquarters, Rosedale Road  
Princeton NJ 08541  
Phone\_609-921-9000  
Fax\_609-734-5410

"We help teachers teach, students learn, and parents measure the educational and intellectual progress of their children.

- Tests: AP®, GRE®, ICT Literacy Assessment, Major Field Tests, MAPP™, PRAXIS™, SAT®, TOEFL®, TOEIC®, TSE®

- Resources for: Test..." [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

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**Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)**

[www.erbtest.org/parents/admissions/isee](http://www.erbtest.org/parents/admissions/isee)  
220 E. 42nd Street, Suite 100  
New York NY 10017  
Phone\_212-672-9800  
Fax\_212-370-4095  
Toll Free\_800-989-3721

"The Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE) is a three-hour admission test for entrance into grades five through twelve. The ISEE has three levels: a Lower Level for students currently in grades four and five who are candidates for admission to gra..."

[www.erbtest.org/parents/admissions/isee](http://www.erbtest.org/parents/admissions/isee)

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**Scholastic Testing Service, Inc.**

<http://www.ststesting.com/hsptpg9.html>  
480 Meyer Road  
Bensenville IL 60106  
Phone\_630-766-7150  
Fax\_630-766-8054  
Toll Free\_800-642-6STS

"The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) is a comprehensive placement test administered to eighth-grade students for placement in ninth grade. It provides a maximum amount of information in only one morning's testing time. The HSPT® is published in two for..."

<http://www.ststesting.com/hsptpg9.html>

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**Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)**

[www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org)  
CN 5339  
Princeton NJ 08543  
Phone\_609-683-4440  
Fax\_800-442-SSAT; 609-683-4507

"Website allows you to apply to take the SSAT test and begin the admissions process to independent schools that use the SSAT...." [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org)