

**MAJOR NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE AGENCIES
THAT ACCREDIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS
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Background

The following list of agencies that accredit private schools was compiled by CAPE at the request of State CAPE Network (SCN) representatives. By compiling the list, CAPE is not offering a judgement about the quality of the procedures or standards used by the listed agencies; the list is descriptive, not normative. Further, the list is incomplete. SCN representatives were asked to advise CAPE of the accrediting associations operating in their states, but (1) the SCN does not represent all states and (2) not all SCN representatives responded. As other agencies that accredit private schools are brought to CAPE's attention, they will be added to the list.

National Private School Accrediting Agencies

Accreditation Commission of Baptist Schools
Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities
American Association of Christian Schools
American Montessori Society
Association of Christian Classical Schools
Association of Christian Schools International
Association of Christian Teachers and Schools, Assemblies of God
Association Montessori International, USA
Association of Waldorf Schools of North America
Christian Schools international
Evangelical Lutheran Education Association
Lutheran Schools Accreditation Commission
International Christian Accrediting Association
Montessori School Accreditation Commission
National Christian School Association
National Independent Private Schools Association
National Lutheran School Accreditation
Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Schools

Regional Accrediting Agencies

Independent Schools Association of the Central States
Independent Schools Association of the Southwest
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
NLSA District Educational Executives and Accreditation Commissioners
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools,
Northwest Association of Accredited Schools
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Southern Association of Independent Schools
Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools
Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools
Seventh-day Adventist Conferences
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

State Accrediting Agencies

Alabama

Alabama Independent School Association

Arkansas

Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association

California

Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Los Angeles
California Association of Independent Schools
Western Catholic Education Association

Florida

A list of accrediting agencies recognized in Florida is available at:
<http://www.firn.edu/doe/choice/pdf/accredit.pdf>

Georgia

Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC)
Georgia Association of
Christian Schools.

Hawaii

Hawaii Association of Independent Schools
Hawaii Council of Private Schools

Kentucky

Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission
(approves organizations that accredit schools in the commonwealth)

Michigan

Michigan Nonpublic School Accrediting Association

Minnesota

Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association

Missouri

Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association

New York

New York State Association of Independent Schools

Texas

Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools

Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Commission

Texas Seventh-Day Adventists School System

Virginia

Virginia Association of Independent Schools

Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Educational Facilities

Virginia Catholic Education Association

Virginia Independent School Association

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation