

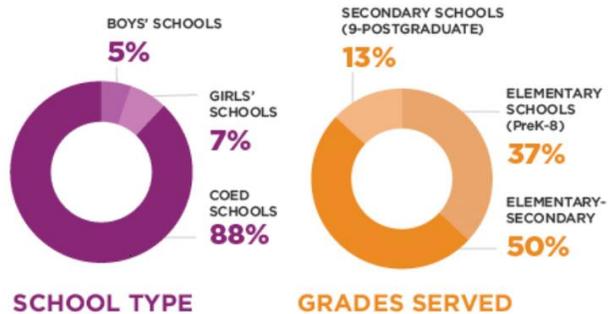
What Are *Independent* Private Schools?

Independent Schools in the United States

More than 2,000 private schools in the U.S. are classified as independent schools. These are nonprofit schools that provide a high-quality education to more than 700,000 students.

Independent schools are close-knit communities that provide students with individualized attention. They challenge students to excel academically and they help students become responsible, independent, and community-oriented adults.

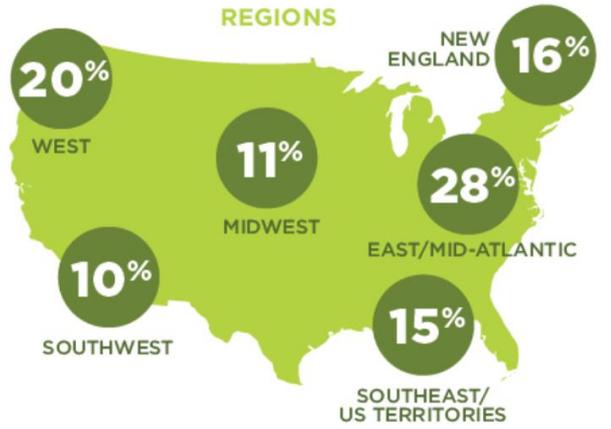
NAIS School Facts



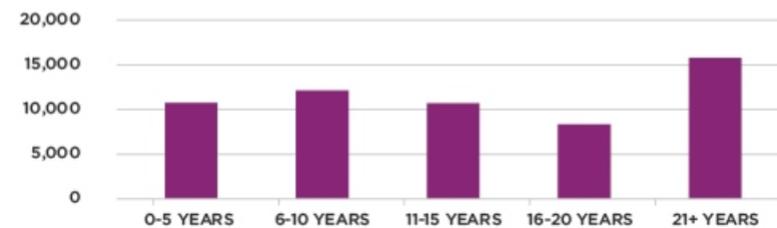
57,631
Teachers at NAIS Member Schools

8.6:1
Average Student/Teacher Ratio

15
Median Class Size



Number of Teachers in NAIS Member Schools, By Range of Teaching Experience



Data represents 2018-19 membership as of June 2019. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Benefits of Independent Schools

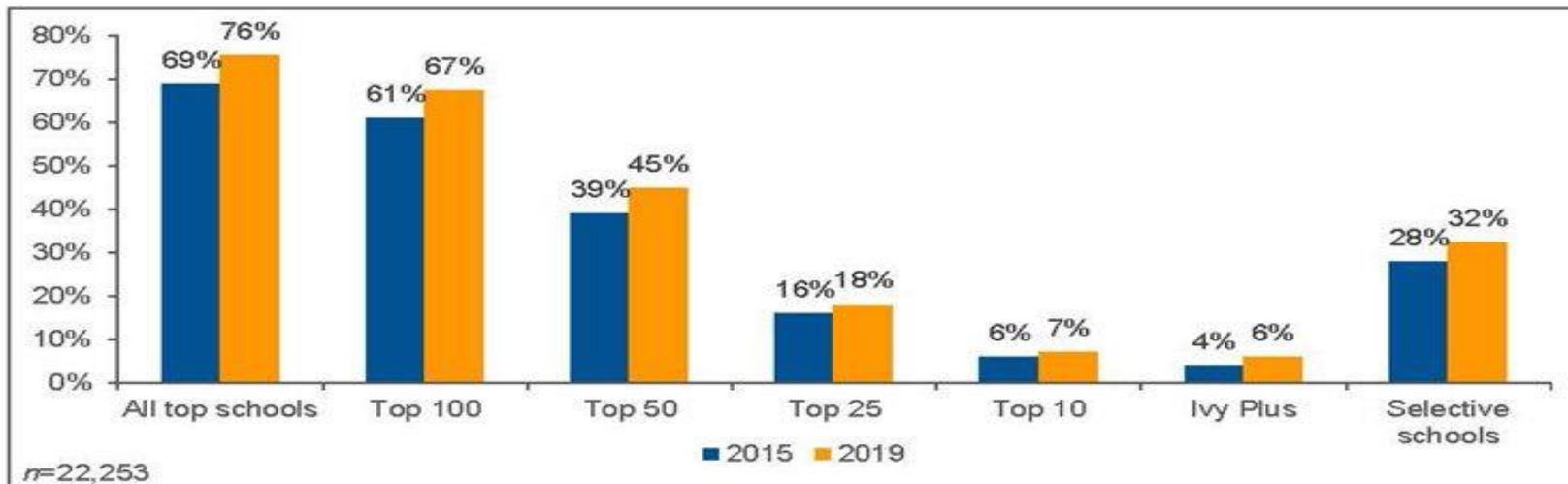
Benefits of Attending a U.S. Independent School

- Enriched academic opportunities and extracurricular activities, including English language learning
- Safe environment in which to grow
- Teachers focused on students' success
- Tight-knit communities that encourage parental involvement (in person or online)
- College counseling and opportunities to go to prestigious colleges and universities
- Well-developed alumni networks and connections

Matriculation to Top U.S. Colleges and Universities

International students attending NAIS member schools are substantially more likely to attend top postsecondary institutions in the United States than those attending public or other private schools.

Percentage of international students matriculating from NAIS member schools to highly ranked colleges and universities, 2015 and 2019



For more information about independent schools, visit
<https://parents.nais.org>

