



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Office of Nonpublic Schools

RESOURCES

For NH Nonpublic Schools

Abstract

Nonpublic schools, whether a startup or an existing entity, face many of the same challenges. The following is a range of national, regional and state private school associations where schools can make connections in facing those challenges.

Contents

Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (AAA).....	2
American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS)	2
American Montessori Society (AMS)	2
Association Montessori International (AMI).....	2
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).....	2
Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS).....	2
Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States (AMCSUS)	3
Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA).....	3
Business Utility Zone Gate (BUZG).....	3
Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE).....	3
Council for American Private Education (CAPE)	3
EdChoice.....	3
Friends Council on Education.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
General Issues Related to Nonpublic Schools August 2019.....	4
Independent Educational Consultants Association (ICEA).....	4
Independent School Management (ISM).....	4
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAYEC)	4
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)	4
National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)	5
National Business Officers Association (NBOA).....	5
National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)	5
National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS)	5
National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA).....	5
National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)	6
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)	6
NH Business Resource Center	6
NH Division of Economic Development (NHDED).....	6
North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists.....	6
The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS).....	6
US Department of Education, Office of Non-Public Education (USONPE).....	7

Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (AAA)

www.adventistaccreditingassociation.org

One of the program approval agencies recognized by the Department of Education. The AAA is the denominational accrediting authority for programs and institutions owned by Seventh-day Adventist Church entities. It also reviews and endorses the accreditation of secondary schools owned by the Church.

American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)

www.aacs.org/

One of the program approval agencies recognized by the Department of Education. AASC serves over 100,000 students and teachers in member schools throughout the United States. It is comprised of state, regional, and international associations working to provide related institutional and personnel services to its constituents.

American Montessori Society (AMS)

<https://amshq.org>

AMS focuses on the Montessori education approach and acts as an information hub for member schools, the general public, and the media. They also offer professional development and support services and work to further Montessori education through public policy.

Association Montessori International (AMI)

<https://montessori-ami.org/>

AMI works on a global level to continue Maria Montessori's work, to offer research, conferences, and professional development to teachers and schools, and to archive Montessori's work, as well as studies that support her approach to education.

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

www.acsi.org/

One of the program approval agencies recognized by the Department of Education. ACSI offers legal guidance, consultation for school leaders, networking events, accreditation, and advocacy programs for Christian schools.

Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS)

<https://classicalchristian.org>

ACCS provides resources, marketing materials, a directory of schools, and a monthly journal for member schools.

Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States (AMCSUS)

<https://amcsus.org>

AMCSUS is an organization of 40 accredited military colleges and college-prep academies. It serves as a liaison between the Department of Defense and Department of Education and provides events and seminars for schools and educators.

Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)

www.waldorfeducation.org

AWSNA works with Waldorf schools in Canada, the US, and Mexico to advance Waldorf principles through accreditation, professional development, and advocacy.

Business Utility Zone Gate (BUZG)

www.buzgate.org

BUZG is an education and resource community tailored to the interests and needs of self-employed, small and medium-sized business owners. Connect with free government and nonprofit small business assistance programs, as well as multiple learning series targeted to supporting venture start-up, growth and profitability.

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE)

www.csee.org

CSEE focuses on “whole student” education and provides webinars, events, and research for schools on subjects such as diversity, service learning, and leadership.

Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

www.capenet.org

CAPE is a coalition of schools and associations of schools, aimed at advocating for private education, particularly at the state and national level.

EdChoice

www.edchoice.org

EdChoice advocates for national school choice programs and conducts research regarding the benefits of private school education for students, families, and communities.

National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES)

www.episcopalschools.org

NAES provides networking opportunities, professional development, and conferences, as well as educational resources for Episcopal schools.

General Issues Related to Nonpublic Schools August 2019

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/non-public-education/files/onpe-faqs-aug2019.pdf>

This document provides the nonpublic school community as well as state and local educational agencies (SEAs and LEAs) with information about some federal education benefits and services available to private school students, teachers and, in some programs, families.

Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)

www.iecaonline.com

IECA is the organization for professional development and resources for independent education consultants. Education consultants help students and their families determine which school or program is best for them.

Independent School Management (ISM)

<https://isminc.com/>

ISM is a membership organization dedicated to the advancement of school management. ISM provides creative strategies to its clients by combining extensive research, proven management techniques, and personalized service.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

www.naeyc.org

NAEYC focuses on promoting high-quality learning for students ages birth through age 8. They are a professional membership organization and provide continuing education to members.

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

<https://www.nais.org/>

NAIS is a nonprofit membership association that provides services to more than 1,900 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including more than 1,600 independent private K-12 schools in the U.S.

National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)

www.napsec.org

NAPSEC programs serve individuals ages 6-21 and are located in stand-alone schools, or are affiliated with other college or hospital settings.

National Business Officers Association (NBOA)

www.nboa.org

NBOA is a community of business officers and related staff at more than 1,300 independent schools. They offer resources and trainings to member schools.

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

<https://www.ncea.org/>

NCEA is a private professional education association that works with Catholic educators. It provides educational resources and strategically expanding professional development opportunities and serves as the national voice for Catholic schools. Membership includes nearly 150,000 educators serving 1.7 million students in Catholic education.

National Association of Private Special Education Centers

www.napsec.org

NAPSEC programs provide educational therapeutic services to both publicly and privately placed individuals that are not able to be successfully educated in the regular education environment. It serves individuals ages 6-21 and are located in stand-alone schools, or are affiliated with other college or hospital settings.

National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS)

www.ncgs.org

NCGS serves more than 250 all-girl schools and provides professional development, advocacy, research and other programs focused on the healthy development and education of girls.

National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

www.ncpsa.org

NCPSA offers accreditation to private schools that meet their criteria. They also offer resources and trainings to member schools.

National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA)

www.nipsa.org

NIPSA focuses on educators who are operating private schools. The organization provides support services for owners of proprietary schools, a structure for the improvement of educational programs, a source for consulting services, conferences, workshops and news, and designs educational material.

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

www.neasc.org/

One of the program approval agencies recognized by the Department of Education. NEASC is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which connects and serves over 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the US and worldwide.

NH Business Resource Center

www.nh.gov/business

Provides links to the NH Business Resource Center, a division of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NH Division of Economic Development (NHDED)

www.nheconomy.com

NHDED has resources for New Hampshire businesses looking to grow and prosper. Businesses have access to grant assistance for recruiting and training employees, subsidized technical assistance, and assistance with employee retention/layoff aversion.

North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists

www.nadadventist.org/departments/education

The education arm of the Seventh Day Adventists produces curriculum and marketing materials for schools, and serves as a liaison between member schools and colleges and universities.

The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)

www.boardingschools.com

TABS is the primary association for boarding schools and provides training for member schools, and a directory for interested students and parents to locate schools.

US Department of Education, Office of Non-Public Education (USONPE)
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/non-public-education/index.html>

USONPE represents the interests, activities, and needs of the private elementary and secondary school community. It offers advice and guidance on all matters affecting nonpublic education, communicates with national, state and local education agencies and associations on nonpublic education topics, and provides technical assistance, workshops and publications.