



## The Independent Option

(NAPSA)—When it comes to finding a place where their children can thrive, many parents turn to independent private schools.

Enrollment in an independent private school can vary from a few dozen to a few thousand students. Some independent schools are progressive, others traditional. There are day and boarding schools, co-educational, girls' and boys' schools.



**An independent school could be the best fit for your children.**

“Families can choose a school where the environment and teaching style best meet the needs of the child,” explains Patrick Bassett, president of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

These nonprofit private schools are governed by independent boards of trustees, rather than a public or religious school system. Each is guided by a unique educational mission and is independently funded.

To help families, the NAIS website, [www.nais.org/go/parents](http://www.nais.org/go/parents), has a school search feature, timelines for admission, information about costs and financial aid, and questions to help you find the best school for your child.