

EDUCATION SURVEY

2009-2010

What The Survey Found

This year 162 Delaware Valley schools participated in the **MetroKids** Independent School Survey. The survey helps parents to identify schools that best match their child's needs.

We publish the survey each October because many schools have a fall application deadline for 2010-2011 enrollment. Now is the time to interview school representatives, visit campuses and obtain recommendations from other families.

You'll find Delaware schools here, and similar data for Pennsylvania and South Jersey schools at www.metrokids.com (click: the Independent School Survey pencil graphic on the lower left).

Next month's **MetroKids** will include survey results from schools that mainly serve students with **special needs**. Some schools in this survey accommodate students with certain disabilities, as indicated by ● next to the school's name.

In what could be a reflection of the economy, 66 schools in this year's survey report **enrollment declines**, while 25 schools say their enrollment has increased. In total, enrollment at these 91 schools fell about 4 percent. (Many other schools provided data for this survey before school began, and were unable to say whether enrollment would rise or fall this school year.)

Median day tuition is \$11,863, up from \$11,393 last year and \$10,733 two years ago. **Median boarding tuition** is \$39,900, up from \$39,500 last year. The typical school has 285 students, down slightly from 288 last year. Median class size is 16 in elementary grades and 15 in secondary grades, unchanged from last year. Thirteen schools are boys-only and 14 are girls-only.

Among schools reporting **financial aid** figures, the median school gives \$489,000 in support, up from \$450,000 last year

and \$400,000 two years ago. The typical school gives financial aid to 26 percent of its students, up slightly from last year.

Spanish is the dominant world language, with 146 schools offering instruction. Of these schools, 74 offer Spanish in 1st grade or earlier. **Chinese** is now offered at 22 schools, a jump of 2 schools from last year and 7 from two years ago.

The number of schools offering **other languages declined**: French is offered at 74 schools, down from 77; Latin at 67, down from 70; German at 11, down from 17; Greek at 9, down from 12; Italian at 5, down from 6; and Japanese at 3, down from 5.

Seven schools continue to offer Hebrew instruction, while other schools provide courses in American Sign Language, Armenian, Polish, Prima Lingua and Ukrainian. ♦

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● Albert Einstein Academy 302-478-5026 www.aeacademy.org	Wilmington 19803 K-6 Coed	\$12,000 N/A 30% \$175,000	Jewish Code 175	48 2% K	Hebrew-K	N/A N/A N/A N/A	NP NP NP	Extended Day PM NP	Dual language, Hebrew & Jewish studies taught; values-based education; service to community integral.
● Aletheia Christian School 302-737-7048 www.aletheia.org	Newark 19713 PS-8 Coed	\$5,650 N/A NP \$55,000	Church of Christ Uniform 174	85 35% N/A		N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Emphasis on Christian values; daily Bible instr. & prayer; accredited by National Christian School Assoc.; small classes; friendly environment.
Archmere Academy 302-798-6632 www.archmereacademy.com	Claymont 19703 9-12 Coed	\$19,375 N/A 42% \$1.3 million	Roman Catholic Uniform 180	480 11% 9	Chinese-9 French-9 German-9 Spanish-9	100% 18 13 13	615 600 605	NP Summer Camp	18 AP Courses; 100% college placement; 13 sports each for men & women; strong emphasis on moral & character development.
Capitol Baptist School 302-678-9190 www.cbcofdover.com	Dover 19904 K-12 Coed	\$2,550-\$3,450 N/A NP NP	Baptist Uniform 180	50 23% NP	Spanish-10	65% 0 2 2	NP NP NP	Extended Day PM	
Caravel Academy 302-834-8938 www.caravel.org	Bear 19701 PS-12 Coed	\$7,100-\$8,200 N/A NP NP	Code 174	1,150 25% 9	French-6 Spanish-6	99% 9 8 6	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Baseball, football & softball teams State champs; teacher & aide in all classrooms PS-4. Ed line accessible to parents.
● Central Delaware Christian Academy 302-697-8407	Dover 19901 PS-8 Coed	\$1,750-\$2,700 N/A 10% \$12,000	Non- denominational Code 180	115 15% N/A	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Member of the Association of Christian Schools International. An Independent Christian School serving Dover's Christian families.
● Christian Tabernacle Academy 302-422-6471 www.chrtabernacle.org	Lincoln 19960 PS-12 Coed	\$3,700 N/A 15% NP	Independent Code 180	90 30% NP	Spanish-9	90% NP 3 2	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM NP	Academically challenging, character-building, family-oriented.
● Elementary Workshop Montessori School 302-656-1498 www.elementaryworkshop.org	Wilmington 19801 PS-6 Coed	\$4,692-\$9,531 N/A 30% \$35,000	Code 172	65 45% N/A	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM	Convenient location; music, art, computer; fully accredited; Montessori & state-certified teachers; historic building.
Fairwinds Christian School 302-328-7404 www.fairwindsbaptist.com	Bear 19701 PS12 Coed	\$5,500 N/A NA NA	Independent Baptist Uniform 180	200 50% N/A	Spanish-K	90% N/A 3 4	480 530 510	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Black History Essay winners 4 straight years. 7 straight Boys Basketball championships. Winners of Christian Character awards. Successful H.S. drama program.

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Hockessin Montessori School, The 302-234-1240 www.thehms.org	Hockessin 19707 PS-8 Coed	\$8,000-\$13,000 N/A NP NP	None 170	150 25% N/A	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Multi-aged classrooms & an individualized approach to education cultivate the child's innate love of learning.
Independence School, The 302-239-0330. www.theindependenceschool.org	Newark 19711 PS-8 Coed	\$11,923 N/A 9% \$267,000	Code NP	750 26% 6	French-1 Latin-5 Spanish-1	N/A N/A NP NP	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Structured sequential learning; ability grouping; full art, band, chorus programs; 12 interscholastic sports.
Jefferson School, The 302-856-3300 www.jeffersonschool.com	Georgetown 19947 PS-8 Coed	\$7,300-\$7,995 N/A 19% \$15,000	Uniform 180	100 5% N/A	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A 0 0	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Integrated curriculum, individualized C101 instruction; low student/teacher ratio.
● Layton Preparatory School 302-395-1710 www.laytonprep.org	New Castle 19720 9-12 Coed	\$24,750 N/A 44% \$195,000	Code 170	35 16% NP	Latin-9 Spanish-9	100 3 3 3	NP NP NP		Integrated support for organization of time, materials & information differences in processing speed & school anxiety.
● New Castle Christian Academy 302-328-7026 www.newcastlechristian.com	New Castle 19720 PS-12 Coed	\$5,700 N/A 1% \$12,000	Baptist Uniform 177	160 60% NP	Spanish-K	89% 0 1 2	500 580 NP	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Member school, Association of Christian Schools International, Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association.
● Pike Creek Christian School 302-731-7773 www.pikecreekchristianschool.org	Newark 19711 PS-8 Coed	\$6,240-\$6,950 N/A 8% \$35,173	Christian Code 180	210 13% NP	Spanish-K	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, School	Yearly science fair projects, grades 1-8. Weekly chapels. Ministry/Missions project for all students. After-school clubs & athletics.
● Red Lion Christian Academy 302-834-2526 www.redlionca.org	Bear 19701 PS-12 Coed	\$3,230-\$7,360 N/A 10%	Protestant Code 180	860 16% K	Spanish-9	99% 5 8 9	529 543 529	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Sports Camp	Christ-centered; Honors & AP courses; online dual credit courses; new athletic stadium & on-site Media Center; nationally & regionally accredited.
■ St. Andrew's School 302-285-4231 www.standrews-de.org	Middletown 19709 9-12 Coed	N/A \$42,000 46% \$4 million	Episcopal Code NP	305 25% 9	Chinese-9 French-9 Greek-9, Lat.-9 Spanish-9	100% 14 11 10	649 644 650		An amazing academic experience in a unique, fully residential community; opportunities & relationships are remarkable.
St. Anne's Episcopal School 302-378-3179 www.saintannesschool.org	Middletown 19709 PS-8 Coed	\$12,050 N/A 30% \$300,000	Episcopal Code 170	331 19% PS	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Program	Focus on academic excellence & character development; 125-acre campus; World Religions; weekly chapel services; nurturing environment.
St. Edmond's Academy 302-475-5370 www.stedmondsacademy.org	Wilmington 19810 PS-8 Boys	\$9,000-\$13,911 N/A 29% \$500,000	Roman Catholic Uniform 165	300 11% PS	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A 6 N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, School	An independent Catholic Academy for boys PS-8 in the tradition of Holy Cross. Empowering boys with values & skills for lifelong success.
● Salesianum School 302-654-2495 www.salesianum.org	Wilmington 19802 9-12 Boys	\$10,975 N/A NP \$500,000	Roman Catholic Code 170	1,010 NP 9	French-9 Latin-9 Spanish-9	99% 22 14 N/A	573 565 545	Summer Camp	Named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic High Schools.
Sanford School 302-239-5263 www.sanfordschool.org	Hockessin 19707 PS-12 Coed	\$10,250-\$21,250 N/A NP NP	NP Code NP	600 14% PS	French-K Latin-K Spanish-K	100% 15 10 10	607 613 609	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, School	Rigorous liberal arts where "no talent lies latent." Friendly, diverse community; fine performing arts; competitive athletics.
● Seaford Christian Academy 302-629-7161 www.seafordchristian.org	Seaford 19973 PS-12 Coed	\$3,900 N/A NP \$15,000	Baptist Uniform 172	220 NP 6	Spanish-3	82% 2 3 4	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM	Accredited by ACSI & Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools; National & Junior Honor Societies; AP statistics & English offered.

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Tall Oaks Classical School 302-738-3337 www.talloaksclassicalschool.org	Newark 19702 K-12 Coed	\$4,800-\$7,100 N/A 4% \$16,600	Protestant Reformed Uniform 174	170 26% NP	Greek-11 Latin-3 Spanish-9	96% NP 2 3	600 617 612	Extended Day Day PM Summer School	Classical & Christian education equips children to think & communicate from a Biblical world view by persevering in excellence with joy.
Tatnall School, The 302-998-2292 www.tatnall.org	Wilmington 19807 PS-12 Coed	\$10,320-\$22,100 N/A 19% \$1.7 million	NP Code 165	650 13% 10	French-5 Latin-5 Spanish-5	100% 24 13 12	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, Program	Balanced liberal arts program of academics, athletics & the arts. Blends tradition & technology in an individualized environment.
Tome School, The 410-287-2050 www.tomeschool.org	North East, MD 21901 K-12 Coed	\$3,800-\$6,400 N/A 30% NP	Uniform 170	500 6% N/A	French-1 Latin-5 Spanish-1	95% 1 5 6	593 614 646	Extended Day Day PM Summer Camp, School	Class of 2009 received merit scholarship offers in excess of \$3.7 million.
● Tower Hill School 302-575-0550 www.towerhill.org	Wilmington 19806 PS-12 Coed	\$12,250-\$23,600 N/A 17% \$1.6 million	Code 163	740 19% PS	French-7 Latin-7 Spanish-PS	100% 0 12 12	658 649 664	Extended Day Day PM Summer Camp	4 or more '01-'09 grads attended Bucknell, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, MIT, PSU, Princeton, Penn, Stanford, Syracuse, Vanderbilt, Yale. AP test preparation offered.
● Ursuline Academy 302-658-7158 www.ursuline.org	Wilmington 19806 PS-12 Girls/Coed	\$5,200-\$15,330 N/A 18% NP	Roman Catholic Uniform 170	650 17% PS	French-7 Latin-6 Spanish-PS	100% 16 N/A 12	548 583 588	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	PS & Montessori programs; Computer Lab & Laptop carts in Lower School; grades 7-12 have own laptops; coed, PS-3; girls, 4-12.
■ West Nottingham Academy 410-658-5556 www.wna.org	Colora, MD 21917 9-PG Coed	\$19,350 \$37,400 35% \$700,000	Code 175	120 18% 9	French-9 Spanish-9	100% 5 7 6	500 542 515		4:1 student/teacher ratio, small classes, personal attention. Boarding available for 9th grade & up.
Wilmington Christian School 302-239-2121 www.wilmingtonchristian.org	Hockessin 19707 PS-12 Coed	\$5,290-\$10,320 N/A 19% NP	Protestant Uniform 180	450 12% 9	German-7 Spanish-7	100% 5 8 8	529 554 560	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Helps students from 95+ churches identify & develop indiv. gifts to achieve their fullest God-given potential in every aspect.
Wilmington Friends School 302-576-2930 www.wilmingtonfriends.org	Wilmington 19803 PS-12 Coed	\$11,050-\$20,875 N/A 22% \$2 million	Quaker Code 170	780 22% PS	French-6 Spanish-K	100% 30 10 10	625 623 626	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Quaker; International Baccalaureate (IB); School Year Abroad/international service learning; global thinking & engagement; extensive arts & athletic programs.
Wilmington Junior Academy 302-998-0530 www.wjasda.com	Wilmington 19808 PS-8 Coed	\$5,100 N/A 30% \$25,500	Seventh-Day Adventist Uniform 180	40 63% NP		N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Values spiritual & moral growth & academic excellence; multi-grade classes; family-like environment; caring Christian staff.
Wilmington Montessori School 302-475-0555 www.wmsde.org	Wilmington 19810 PS-6 Coed	\$12,000 N/A NP NP	Code 167	400 18% PS	French-PS	N/A N/A 3 3	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, Program	Focus on independent thinking & global awareness within Montessori philosophy. Program is tailored to meet each child's individual learning needs.

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