

EDUCATION SURVEY

2009-2010

What The Survey Found

This year 162 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 South Jersey schools here, and similar data for Delaware and Pennsylvania 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. ♦

School Name Telephone Website	City Zip Grades of School Boys/Girls/Coed	Tuition Boarding Tuition % Receiving Aid Total Financial Aid	Religious Affiliation Uniform/Dress Code No. of School Days	Enrollment % Minority Grade at which Service Learning Begins	Languages Offered & Grade at which Instruction Begins	% Go To College # of AP Classes # Varsity Boys Sports # Varsity Girls Sports	SAT Math Avg. Score SAT Critical Reading Avg. Score SAT Writing Avg. Score	Extended Day Summer Camp, School or Program	Points of Distinction
Bishop Eustace Preparatory School 856-662-2160 www.eustace.org	Pennsauken 08109 9-12 Coed	\$14,100 N/A 30% \$550,000	Roman Catholic Uniform NP	750 8% 9	French-9 Grmn.-9, Lat.-9 Spanish-9	99% 15 15 15	NP NP NP	NP Summer Program	Pallottine Fathers & Brothers; 32-acre, college-style campus, including the Louis J. Lulli Library/Resource Center.
Chapin School 609-924-2449 www.chapinschool.org	Princeton 08540 PS-8 Coed	\$18,200-\$20,400 N/A 20% \$750,000	Code 167	310 34% PS	French-6 Spanish-K	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day Day PM Summer Camp, Program	Richly textured education inspires academic achievement & builds strength of character in a diverse, caring & supportive community.
Doane Academy 609-386-3500 www.doaneacademy.org	Burlington 08016 PS-12 Coed	\$8,900-\$13,280 N/A 25% NP	Episcopal Uniform NP	200 33% PS	Latin-9 Spanish-PS	100% 11 7 7	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM	Emphasis on character development; family atmosphere; challenging curriculum; sports & extracurricular activities; strong music & art programs.
● Friends School, Mullica Hill 856-478-2908 www.friendsmh.org	Mullica Hill 08062 PS-8 Coed	\$13,900-\$14,850 N/A 27% \$450,000	Quaker None 172	205 28% PS	Spanish-PS	100% N/A 4 5	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	Partnership with ARC/Gloucester County. Academic projects: U.N. Day, USA Day, World's Fair. Fine & Performing Arts School.
Haddonfield Friends School 856-429-6786 www.haddonfieldfriends.org	Haddonfield 08033 PS-8 Coed	\$12,263 N/A 36% \$213,000	Quaker None 174	150 36% PS	Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Program	HFS provides a superb academic education in an atmosphere that fosters mutual respect & strong student/teacher relationships.
■ Hun School of Princeton 609-921-7600 www.hunschool.org	Princeton 08540 6-PG Coed	\$29,385 \$42,710 21% \$2.5 million	None Code 170	595 27% 6	French-6 Latin-9 Spanish-6	100 20 13 13	NP NP NP	24-hour campus Summer Camp, Prgm., School	Member of the Mid-Atlantic Prep League; Cum Laude Society Chapter, Travel programs; award-winning student publications.
● Kellman Brown Academy 856-679-2929 www.kellmanbrownacademy.org	Voorhees 08043 PS-8 Coed	\$9,695-\$13,909 N/A 25% \$150,000	Jewish None NP	160 5% K	Hebrew-K Spanish-6	95% N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM	Member of Solomon Schechter Day School Association.
■ Lawrenceville School, The 609-895-2030 www.lawrenceville.org	Lawrenceville 08648 9-PG Coed	\$37,760 \$44,900 28% \$8 million	Code 180	810 42% 9	Chinese-9 French-9 Grk.-9, Lat.-9 Spanish-9	100% 0 17 17	690 660 690	Summer Camp Program.	Every student must participate in some sort of physical activity after school, such as sports or dance.
● Montessori Academy of NJ AMI 856-461-2121 www.manj.org	Delran 08075 PS-8 Coed	\$6,594-\$10,381 N/A 20% \$100,000	Uniform 180	140 20% K	Spanish-18mos.	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Program	AMI-certified Montessori teachers; creative, non-competitive learning environment with values & academic excellence.

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Moorestown Friends School 856-235-2900 www.mfriends.org	Moorestown 08057 PS-12 Coed	\$15,100-\$21,100 N/A 24% \$1.8 million	Quaker Code NP	725 27% 9	French-6 Chinese-6 Latin-5 Spanish-K	100% 14 9 9	633 629 637	Extended Day AM & PM Extended School Year	MFS is New Jersey's only three-division Friends School, offering a challenging liberal arts education from Preschool-12th grade.
Oak Hill Academy 732-530-1343 www.oakhillacademy.com	Lincroft 07738 PS-8 Coed	\$14,400 N/A 30% \$162,000	Code 172	400 16% NP	French-PS Latin-7 Spanish-5	N/A N/A 7 7	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Program	Challenging curriculum in caring environment; award winning literary magazine; math team & National Latin & French Exams winners.
■ Peddie School 609-490-7500 www.peddie.org	Hightstown 08520 9-PG Coed	\$30,200 \$39,900 40% \$5 million	Code 175	525 23% 9	Chinese-9 French-9 Latin-9 Spanish-9	100% 17 13 13	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM Summer School	Peddie is proud of its diverse student body, which is made up of students of all backgrounds from 24 states & 22 countries.
■ Pennington School, The 609-737-6128 www.pennington.org	Pennington 08534 6-12 Coed	\$26,500 \$39,400 30% \$1.5 million	Methodist Code 165	480 15% 6	Chinese-12 French-7 Grmn-8, Grk-9 Lat.-6. Span.-7	100% 16 12 12	NP NP NP	Summer Camp	Diverse student population; AP & Honors courses, as well as math & writing labs. Boarding starts in 7th grade.
● Politz Day School of Cherry Hill 856-667-1013 www.politz.org	Cherry Hill 08002 PS-8 Coed	\$10,000 N/A NP NP	Jewish Code 176	150 0% PS	Hebrew-K	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM	Warm, loving environment. Each child's learning style is addressed. Must be Jewish to attend. Outstanding general & Judaic curriculum.
Princeton Day School 609-924-6700 www.pds.org	Princeton 08542 PS-12 Coed	\$22,250-\$26,200 N/A 23% \$3 million	None 170	900 30% NP	Chinese-9 French-PS Latin-5 Spanish-PS	100% 20 11 11	650 650 660	Extended Day PM Summer Camp	Community service required for 9-12, 50 hours by graduation; courses available at Princeton Univ.; peer leadership training.
● Princeton Friends School 609-683-1194 www.princetonfriendsschool.org	Princeton 08540 PS-8 Coed	\$18,950 N/A 24% \$350,000	Quaker None 166	134 24% K	Chinese-PS Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, Program	High intellectual expectation in a collaborative environment. Emphasis on character & creativity. Multi-age grouping.
Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart 609-921-2330 www.stuartschool.org	Princeton 08540 PS-12 Girls	\$21,200 N/A 18% \$1.4 million	Roman Catholic Uniform 150	508 26% PS	French-K Latin-6 Spanish-PS	100% 10 N/A 7	NP NP NP	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp, Prgm., School	Member of the National & International Network of Sacred Heart Schools.
Villa Victoria Academy 609-882-1700 www.villavictoria.org	Ewing 08628 PK-12 Girls	\$9,300-\$10,550 N/A 30% NP	Roman Catholic Uniform 80	200 NP NP	Chinese-4 French-7 Spanish-4	100% 8 N/A 6	NP NP NP	Extended Day PM Summer Program	100% college enrollment; 50+% of class of '09 will attend a top-100 university; 3 national merit-commended students; 11 sisters on staff.
Westfield Friends School 856-829-0895, www.cinnaminson.com/Westfield	Cinnaminson 08077 PS-8 Coed	\$9,700 N/A NP NP	Quaker None 180	200 20% NP	French-PS Latin-5 Spanish-PS	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	Extended Day AM & PM Summer Camp	

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