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## FAST FACTS ABOUT ONTARIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS



There are at least 1,445 independent schools in Ontario educating more than 154,000 students.



Over 40% of independent schools have a specialization, like Special Education or Montessori



Just 4% of independent schools are so-called "elite" institutions.



Three out of four "elite" schools are in the Greater Toronto Area.



Less than 40% of independent schools are religiously based.



One in four religious independent schools are Jewish or Muslim.



64% of independent schools are in various suburbs, while 28% are in rural or semi-rural areas.

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