

Maryland State Department of Education Nonpublic Schools Workgroup

Overview

- The [Maryland State Department of Education](#) (MSDE) established the State Superintendent's [Nonpublic Schools Workgroup](#) (Workgroup) in 1998 to provide an organized forum for addressing issues of mutual interest to Maryland's public and nonpublic school communities.
- The Workgroup facilitates communication between state and local public and nonpublic school officials on services provided to nonpublic school students and teachers through federal programs authorized under the [Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#), (ESEA), the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) (IDEA), and other federal and state grant programs; the Maryland Nonpublic School Textbook Loan Program and the Maryland Nonpublic Aging Schools Program; nonpublic school data collection, such as contact information and enrollment statistics; and other issues of mutual interest identified by group members. The Workgroup also periodically hosts conferences and publishes brochures and other information on the above topics.
- Members of the Workgroup include representatives from each local public school system in Maryland, appointed by their local superintendents as well as representatives of the [Maryland Council for American Private Education](#) and other nonpublic school associations in Maryland.
- The Workgroup is coordinated through the MSDE Office of the State Superintendent, Division of Student, Family and School Support, and the Division of Educator Effectiveness. A public and nonpublic school representative chosen by the group's members serve as co-chairs.
- The Workgroup meets three times per year at the MSDE headquarters in Baltimore.

Additional Information

- The MSDE maintains a website that contains resources to facilitate proper implementation of ESEA and IDEA equitable services. Specifically, the website includes information on the [Workgroup](#) including [upcoming meetings](#), [resources](#) for timely and meaningful consultation, and Workgroup [contacts](#).
- Questions regarding equitable services and the Workgroup should be directed to [Debra Greenberg Lichter](#), Director, Departmental Coordination and Federal Legislation, MSDE.