



What are the different school systems in Ontario?

In Ontario there are publicly-funded schools private schools. Parents can also homeschool their children, or teach them at home.

Publicly-Funded Schools

Ontario has 4 public school systems that receive government funding:

- English Public
- English Catholic
- French-language Public
- French-language Catholic

Publicly-funded schools include elementary secondary schools. All public schools are managed by district school boards.

English public schools (elementary and secondary) and English Catholic secondary schools are open to all students.

Catholic elementary schools are open to all students who are baptized as Roman Catholic and to children who have 1 or 2 Roman Catholic parents. Some English Catholic school boards might admit non-Catholic students into a Catholic elementary school.

French language schools are open to all students who want a French language education.

For more information on public schools, contact your local school board. You can also contact the [Ministry of Education](#) to find the telephone number of the school board in your area:

Toll-free: 1-800-387-5514

Toronto: 416-325-2929

Private Schools

Private schools are also called independent schools. They offer elementary and secondary education. Private schools do not receive government funding. Students must pay to attend these schools. Private schools may focus on religion, culture, language, or specific approaches to teaching.

A list of the private schools in Ontario is available from the Ministry of Education. For more information, call the Ministry of Education at:

Toll-free: 1-800-387-5514

Toronto: 416-325-2929

Homeschooling

Homeschooling is teaching your child at home. For more information about homeschooling and resources that can help you, contact the [Ontario Federation of Teaching Parents \(OFTP\)](#) at:

Toll-free: 1-800-704-0448

Toronto: 416-410-5218

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Reference:

[District School Boards](#)