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# Filing the Private School Affidavit

## Why file the Private School Affidavit?

The information provided in the Private School Affidavit (PSA) is used annually to create the California Department of Education (CDE) online [Private School Directory](#). This information is reported to the federal Department of Education as one basis for the annual No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) grant to California schools. Private non-profit schools listed in the Directory will be reported to public school districts as private schools eligible for NCLB services and resources. Private schools that do not file a PSA during the filing period may not be included in the Directory and therefore may not be listed for participation in NCLB.

Filing of this affidavit shall not be interpreted to mean, and it shall be unlawful for any school to expressly or impliedly represent by any means whatsoever, that the State of California, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, the California Department of Education, or any division or bureau of the Department, or any accrediting agency has made any evaluation, recognition, approval, or endorsement of the school or course unless this is an actual fact (*Education Code* Section 33190). See [Selected California Education Codes](#) pertaining to private elementary or high schools.

Filing an affidavit does not mean that the State of California or any accrediting agency has made any evaluation, recognition, approval, or endorsement of the school or course. It is not a license or authorization to operate a school.

## Who should file a Private School Affidavit?

Persons, firms, associations, partnerships, or corporations offering or conducting full-time day school at the elementary or high school level for students between the ages of six and eighteen years.

## Filing the Online Affidavit Form

The filing period for the 2008-09 Private School Affidavit and the links for filing the Affidavit for the 2008-09 school year will be activated on October 1, 2008.

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