

I have been a music teacher for years, raised 4 daughters, have grandsons in school, all in public schools. I do think there is a need for private options in education, without government interference as to curriculum. It is the parent's business what the private school they are choosing to send their child to to determine whether the educational materials are appropriate and will produce the desired result. Most of the issue might revolve around the free exercise of religion, and the state needs to stay out of that area of our lives. Private schools prepare students much better for success in college, students are expected to do a lot more work, the quality of the work is higher, the behavior of the students is much better and therefore the influence of peers is better. I do not see any advantage to the education of students for the state to interfere in this situation. I do see that criminal behavior needs to be prevented and when it happens reported, especially abuse, sexual misconduct, assault, but that should be reported to the police. As a parent looking to put my child in a private school, I would want to know background checks had happened and no sex offenders were employed there. Most parents seeking private education are very engaged parents, and very capable of deciding the best option for their child. The state should not get involved in this. They have plenty of need to improve public education, they have not succeeded enough in this area to justify messing with systems that produce better results.