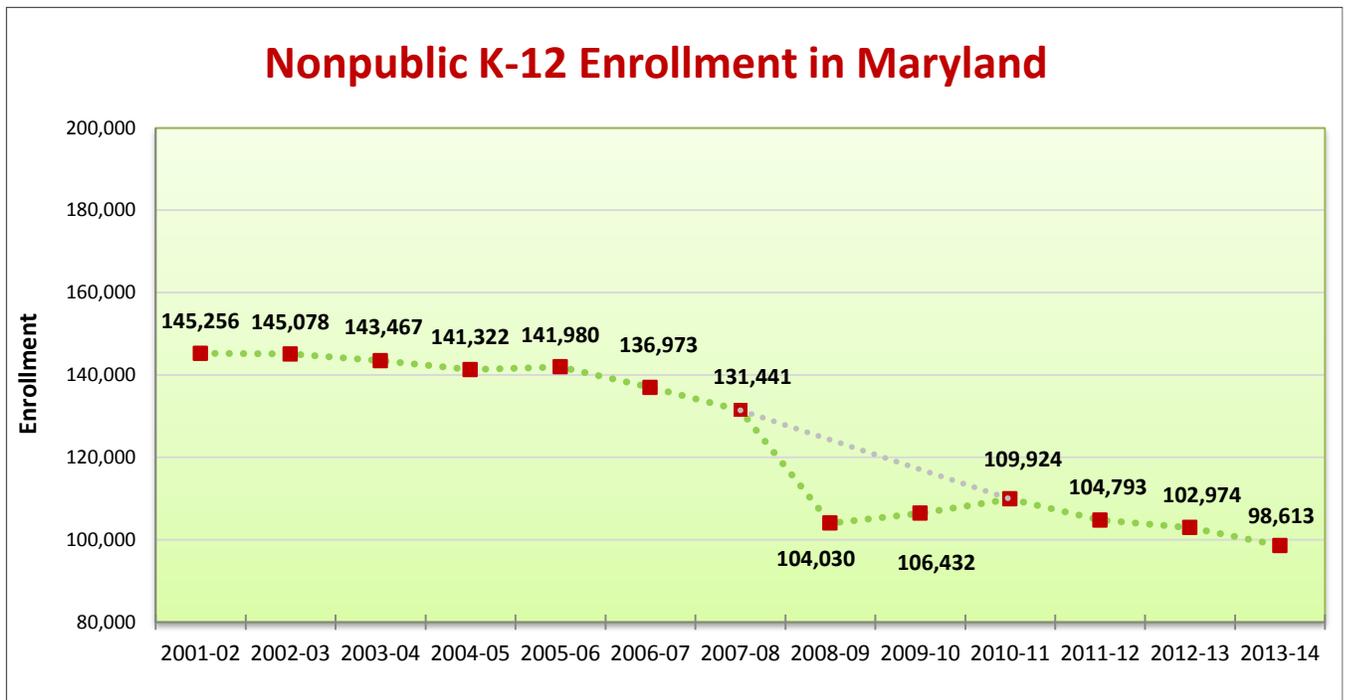




## Maryland Nonpublic School Overview

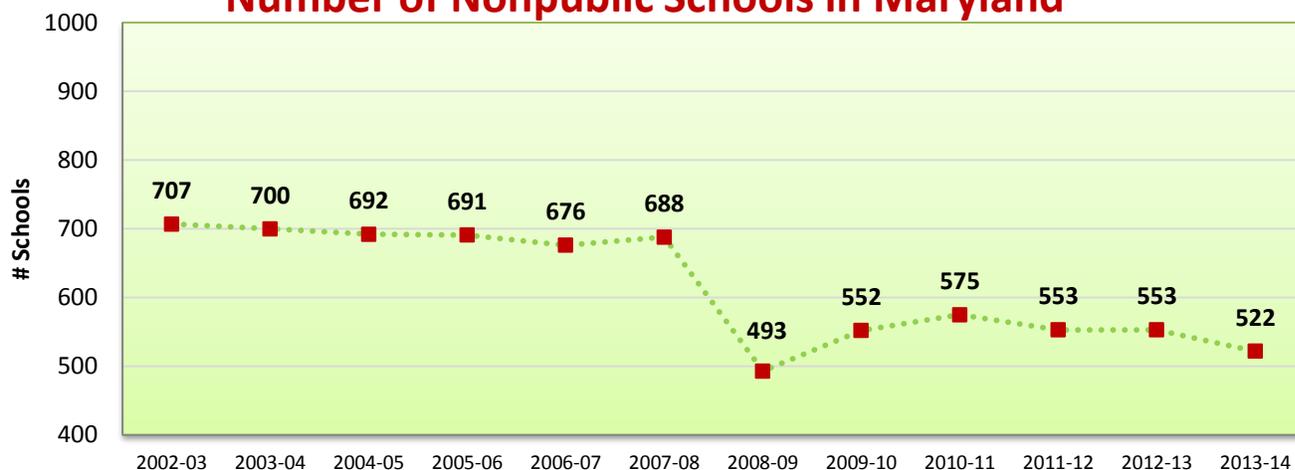


Note that the steep decline in enrollment in 2008-09 is partially due to nonresponse to a request for enrollment information. For example, half of the nonpublic schools on record in Prince George's County did not provide enrollment counts to MSDE for 2008-09. The nonresponse rate for other years ranges from 8% to 24%. The grey dotted line suggests a more probable decline for enrollments statewide.

### Important Highlights:

- 10-year change:**  
 44,854 fewer students (-31%)
- Additional cost to Maryland's public schools: \$656,527,998 PER YEAR!**  
 This reflects the cost to educate the additional 44,854 students, based on the average Maryland public school per pupil cost in of \$14,637 in 2013-14.
- For every 68 students who move from a nonpublic school to a public school, Maryland and its taxpayers pay an additional MILLION dollars.**
- Total savings provided by nonpublic schools: almost \$1.5 BILLION PER YEAR!**  
 This reflects what it would cost to educate the 98,613 students currently enrolled in Maryland's nonpublic schools, based on the current cost of educating each public school student

## Number of Nonpublic Schools in Maryland



The graph above shows the number of nonpublic schools that provided a count of enrollments to MSDE, **excluding preschools**. While the number of nonpublic schools has declined over time, the dip in the graph in 2008 is probably due more to nonresponse, rather than a sharp drop in the number of nonpublic schools. (Data sources: Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Accountability and Assessment, *Nonpublic School Enrollment State of Maryland*.)

## The Maryland Education Credit

### Provides Opportunities to Low-Income and Working Families

- ✓ Allows nonpublic school families assistance with educational expenses, saving the state billions of dollars in annual expenditures.
- ✓ Gives public school students and families the extra support they need to meet core academic goals.
- ✓ Helps alleviate some of the overcrowding issues in our public schools.
- ✓ Increased business support stabilizes nonpublic enrollments, which improves schools' financial viability. A higher nonpublic student enrollment, in turn, decreases the burden on public schools, which improves educational quality for all
- ✓ Currently, the State of Maryland provides 25 different tax credits to various business sectors, but few that would benefit such a wide variety of businesses. Additionally, none of those tax credits provide a direct benefit to Maryland's schoolchildren.

### Benefits Maryland Businesses

- ✓ A business may receive a tax *credit* of up to \$200,000 equal to 60% of their total donation to a state-registered nonprofit scholarship organization.
- ✓ Businesses eligible for the credit include corporations, sole proprietorships, partnerships and limited liability companies.
- ✓ Maryland businesses may receive up to \$15 million dollars per year in tax credits, helping to stimulate the economy
- ✓ Businesses can choose to donate to public and nonpublic school students.