Maryland Nonpublic School Overview
for 2012-13 School Year

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.

5-year change: 28,467 fewer students (-22%)

Additional cost to Maryland’s public schools: $402,141,353 per year

This reflects the cost to educate the additional 28,467 students, based on the average Maryland public school per pupil cost in of $14,126.58 in 2010-11.

Total savings provided by nonpublic schools: $1,454,670,448 per year

This reflects the cost to educate the 102,974 students currently enrolled in Maryland’s nonpublic schools in grades K to 12, based on the average Maryland public school per pupil cost in of $14,126.58 in 2010-11.

► For every 71 students who move from a nonpublic school to a public school, Maryland and its taxpayers pay an additional MILLION dollars.
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 most likely declined recently, 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.