

## The diverse nature of Israel's society in the education system.

Different communities attend different schools.

Although, schools could reflect children's basic worldview, this separation results in very little contact between communities. Schools are divided



into five groups: state schools (Mamlchti), state religious schools (Mamlchti Dati), independent religious schools (Chinuch Atzmai), private schools, and Arab schools.

Most students in Israel attend state schools. Basic curriculum includes mathematics, language skills, science, history, Jewish studies, art and physical education. Jewish studies are given a national, cultural interpretation without any emphasis on the students' religious observance or belief.

State religious schools emphasize Jewish studies, and traditions. The curriculum of the State Religious Schools is close to that of the State Schools, but the classes focus on Jewish and religious studies. There are daily prayers; children and staff adhere to religious norms.

Independent religious schools focus almost entirely on Talmud Torah and offer very little in terms of secular subjects such as math, language skills, history, and science. The schools are supported by the State, however, it's not responsible for the hiring and firing of teachers, or for the registration of pupils. These schools are usually gender-separated in which boy go to one, and girls go to another from kindergarten thru high school.

Private schools are recognized by the Ministry of Education include the basic State curriculum; however, staff and parents determine educational norms of each school. For

example, the growing network of Democratic schools, in which students run the school in conjunction with the parents and teachers, would fall into this category.

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## Questions

Answer the following question according to the text.

### 1. What do you learn from lines 1-6?

Choose ONE correct answer.

- a. Religious Jewish schools.
- b. Different communities in Israel.
- c. Education system in Israel.
- d. Gender-separated schools in Israel.

### 2. What basic curriculum subjects do Israeli students study at school?

Answer the questions according to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

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### 3. Is the following sentence true or false?

All Israeli state school students take Jewish studies classes.

- a. Choose correct answer: TRUE / FALSE
  - b. Copy a sentence that supports your answer.
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### 4. What are language skills and science example of?

Answer the questions according to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

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### 5. Which schools are gender separated in Israel?

Answer the questions according to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph

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**5. What is special about private schools in Israel?**

Answer the questions giving an example according to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph

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