

Number of Independent Schools in British Columbia

Year	Associate Member Group (AMG) *	Catholic Independent Schools (CIS) **	Independent Schools Assoc. (ISA)	Society of Christian Schools (SCSBC) ***	FISA Total	Non-FISA Schools	GRAND TOTAL
1969-70	6	77	14	15	112		
1970-71	6	75	14	15	110	66	176
1971-72	6	75	12	15	108	66	174
1972-73	6	75	12+	15	108	66	174
1973-74	6	70	12+	15	103	59	162
1974-75	6	69	12+	15	102	59	161
1975-76	6	68	12	15	101	55	156
1976-77	6	65	12	15	98	54	152
1977-78	6	65	10	20	101	55	156
1978-79	7	67	10	23	107	82	189
1979-80	6	66	10	24	106	99	205
1980-81	6	65	10	23	104	120	224
1981-82	7	62	10	22	101	121	222
1982-83	8	65	10	24	107	126	233
1983-84	6	66	10	25	107	137	244
1984-85	9	65	10	26	110	142	252
1985-86	12	69	10	27	118	166	284
1986-87	16	72	10	32	130	171	301
1987-88	28	74	10	31	143	162	305
1988-89	38	73	14	34	159	157	316
1989-90	44	72	14	39	169	122	291
1990-91	47	72	14	42	175	119	294
1991-92	49	71	15	42	177	111	288
1992-93	55	74	15	40	184	121	305
1993-94	70	74	15	39	198	115	313
1994-95	74	76	15	36	201	129	330
1995-96	86	75	15	41	217	118	335
1996-97	91	77	15	41	224	127	351
1997-98	95	78	17	44	234	125	359
1998-99	100	78	18	43	239	118	357
1999-00	113	77	18	42	250	101	351
2000-01	113	77	20	41	251	95	346
2001-02	122	76	20	37	255	83	338
2002-03	125	76	20	38	259	78	337

	Association of Christian Schools International in BC (ACSIBC)	AMG	CIS	ISA	SCSBC	FISA Total	Non-FISA Total	Grand Total
2003-04	29	101	76	21	38	265	74	339
2004-05	31	103	76	20	40	270	74	344
2005-06	31	99	77	20	40	267	75	342
2006-07	33	99	77	20	42	271	80	351
2007-08	34	108	77	21	42	282	69	351
2008-09	33	110	76	23	40	282	86	368

+ From 1972-74 ISA held observer status in the FISA, re-entering full membership in 1975

* In 2000-2001 the AMG Group included approximately 20 Seventh-day Adventist Schools (SDA). In 2003-04 the ACSIBC was formed from schools previously in the AMG.

** In Dec. 1997 Catholic Public Schools (CPS) changed their name to Catholic Independent Schools (CIS)

*** In 1977 National Union of Christian Schools, District 12 (NUCS) changed its name to Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia (SCSBC).

Source: The numbers are from data compiled by the FISA from data submitted annually by independent schools.

Accurate counts of independent schools in existence in any given year are difficult to obtain. Before 1989-90 independent schools were not required to register with the Ministry of Education. Furthermore, tallies vary according to who is doing the counting. Some groups count divisions of a school on *different* campuses as one school while others count the school divisions on each campus as a school. If a school operates from kindergarten to grade twelve on the same campus, some groups count the school as one, while others count the elementary and secondary divisions as separate schools. For these reasons totals established by the FISA will vary somewhat from totals established by the BC Ministry of Education. From 2008-09 onward the grand total figure includes Distributed Learning schools.

Any inference about growth patterns based on number of schools must be done with caution. A number of schools existed for many years before joining the FISA. Some schools existing as distinct schools have amalgamated. Others have added grades. Some have closed. In addition, schools with the FISA have shifted from one membership group to another, and schools in the non-FISA group have become members of the FISA. The most accurate indicator of growth patterns in independent schools is enrolment, rather than number of schools.