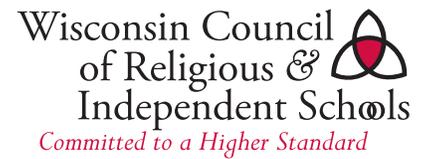


## Protecting and Defending Private K-12 Schools WCRIS Advocacy Tools



Private school boosters are key advocates for protecting and defending private K-12 schools from unwanted government intrusion and regulation. You can learn about the latest issues affecting your favorite private school and how to get involved with other nonpublic school advocates just like you from across the state.

**1. Become an Advocate:** Your school is a member of the Wisconsin Council of Religious & Independent Schools (WCRIS), which has been protecting and defending our schools since the 1960s. Under WCRIS' coordination, nonpublic schools have won free busing for private school kids; access to special education services; school vouchers, and have stopped regulation that would hamper private schools missions and values.

**To sign up to become an advocate of Wisconsin's private K-12 schools, go to the WCRIS website at [www.wcris.org](http://www.wcris.org) and click on the "Advocacy" tab.** Here you can sign up to become a WCRIS advocate. As an advocate, you will be updated on timely opportunities to contact your elected officials in Madison on public policy issues that affect private K-12 schools.

**2. Learn the Issues:** Go to the "Advocacy" tab on [www.wcris.org](http://www.wcris.org) and select an issue facing WCRIS schools to read more. Below each issue is a form that allows you to identify your legislators and send each an e-mail.

**3. Email your legislators:** Go to the WCRIS website at [www.wcris.org](http://www.wcris.org), and click on the advocacy tab to find a form that will allow you to identify your state senator and assembly representative and send them each a personalized email message detailing how their policy decision may affect your private school.

**4. Call or send a letter to your legislators:** If you don't want to send an e-mail through the WCRIS website, you can:

A. *Write a US Postal Letter to your State Senator:* You can get the name of your legislator at [www.wcris.org/advocacy](http://www.wcris.org/advocacy). The address is **(Insert Senator's Name), P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882.**

B. *Write a US Postal Letter to your Assembly Representative:* You can get the name of your legislator at [www.wcris.org/advocacy](http://www.wcris.org/advocacy).

For members of the Assembly whose last names begin with A through L, use **(Insert Assembly Representative's Name) P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708.**

For Assembly members whose last names begin with M through Z, use **(Insert Assembly Representative's Name) P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708.**

C. *Phone your state Senator or Assembly Representative:* Call the toll-free legislative hotline at [1-800-362-9472](tel:1-800-362-9472) (266-9960 in Madison).

D. *Write the Governor:* The address is **Governor Scott Walker, 115 East, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.**

E. *Call the Governor:* Phone [608-266-1212](tel:608-266-1212).

**Our Mission:** WCRIS supports the unique missions of member schools through advocacy, education and partnerships, to ensure an extraordinary education and equitable opportunity for each child.

**Who We Are:** WCRIS is a non-profit, nonpartisan membership organization representing 100,00 children in 600 K-12 schools since 1974, and the official Wisconsin chapter of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).