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Danmark

1. What types of schools are there in your country? **Public (State) Schools and independent schools**
2. How much % of students attend which schools?
State schools: **84 %**
Private Schools:
Religious schools: **(Some 15 % of the students in independent (private) schools attend Religious schools)**
Independent schools (private schools, charter schools, alternative schools): **16 %**
3. Do "Religious Schools" and "free schools" belong to the group of private schools or do they belong to their own group? **All Non-State schools belong to the same group of private, independent schools.**

CURRICULUM AND EVALUATION

State schools

1. Is the education system centrally or regionally organized? **State Schools are regionally organized.**
2. How detailed and obligatory is the curriculum? **Rather detailed and obligatory.**
3. Who created the curriculum and determines the textbooks? **The curriculum is created by the Danish Ministry of Education. The textbooks are determined by the teachers/local community schools.**
4. Who evaluates the schools and how are they evaluated? **The local government / Municipals**
5. Does the inspectorate only has an advisory role? **Yes**
6. Who will know the results of the evaluation? **Evaluation is available on the homepage of the local government.**

Private schools, independent schools, religious schools

1. Can these schools create their own curriculum and have their own textbooks? **Yes**
2. Who evaluates the schools and how are they evaluated? **The parents elect an evaluator/inspector. They can even create a system of organized self-evaluation authorized by the Ministry of Education.**
3. How big is the freedom of education (religious, philosophical, pedagogical)? **We have a wide freedom of education.**

FINANCING

1. Who finances the different types of schools? **State schools by local government. Private, independent and religious schools by the Ministry of Education and school fee paid by the parents.**
2. Please specify in%. **Private, independent schools: State subsidy: 70 % parents et. al. 30 %.**
3. How are the different types of schools financed? **Per-child package and parental school fee**
4. Financed by global budgets or with per-child packages or training voucher? **Per-child package**

PARENTAL RIGHTS

State School

1. Can parents choose freely wherever they live every state school? **Yes, but depending on vacancy**
If so, how will the choice be made and who has priority in case there is not enough place for all? **Priority for parents who live in the school district. Secondly if a sister or brother attends the school.**
2. How big are the co-determination and participation rights of parents? **The parents are expected to participate actively in their children's education.**

Private Schools, Religious Schools, Free Schools

1. Can parents choose any school in private without financial and religious restriction? **Yes, if the schools have vacancies and the parents can afford the school fee which amounts to approx. Euro 2.500 / year.**
2. How big are the co-determination and participation rights of parents? **The vast majority of private schools are governed by a school board with a majority of parents.**



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Homeschooling

1. Is homeschooling allowed? **Yes**

If so, Do the parents need a teacher training? **No**

2. Do the children have to be taught according to the state curriculum? **They must achieve certain goals**

3. Is "Free Learning" allowed? **Yes, but home teaching is inspected by local municipality.**

4. Do parents receive financial support from the state? **No**

Due to our century-old tradition with independent schools homeschooling is insignificant in Denmark.

Denmark: 700.000 pupils age 6 – 15

105.000 pupils in private, independent schools

1380 State Schools

540 private independent schools.

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