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## Trends Toward Private Secondary Education in Canada and Japan

### ABSTRACT

In the last thirty years, the number of private schools and the number of students attending private schools has increased in Canada. In Japan, the percent of students enrolled in private schools has remained relatively constant during the same period, but the composition of the student body and the status of private schools has changed dramatically. In this analysis, comparisons and contrasts are made between the changes in each country and the factors underlying them. The trends are explored in terms of the characteristics of the culture in which the schools and education in general are imbedded.