

# PRIVATE COURSES

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# INTRODUCTION

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# CURRENT STATUS OF EDUCATION IN TURKEY

- Turkey out of 65 countries/economies that participated in PISA
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- 44<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics with 448 points,
- 43<sup>rd</sup> in Science with 463 points.
- 41<sup>st</sup> in Reading Skills with 475 points.



Turkey is the only country in PISA that offers more teachers to the students with more socio-economical advantage. In most countries of OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) this ratio is higher for socio- economically disadvantaged students. The cause of the teacher/student ratio between Turkey and other countries are the Private Courses.



**Private Courses:** Private Courses are informal education places in Turkey that give students private education in order for students to be successful in courses, to prepare them for exams of higher education and to educate them on specific courses that they wish to focus on.



Private Courses have been operating in Turkey since 1965. One of the biggest reason that directed students to these schools was the higher education student capacities are being less then number of applicants. Increase in population caused increase in students, caused harder exams to be successful with higher points for acceptance and central examination system.



Central examination system was adopted because of increased student population and need of a testing tool for higher education schools. 1.6 Million students take this hard exam and only %10 get into the department they desire. This is why students go to Private Courses to be successful in this exam and get into the university and department they desire to go



Private Courses give education specifically for the central examination style and questions, which is why students choose to attend these schools.







We can list some of the reasons why students choose to go to Private Courses:

- Difference between the exams in schools and the central examination questions, as they are multiple choice and schools having open-ended questions.
- Schools curriculum doesn't have central examination style teaching.



- Difference in quality of teaching in different public schools.
- Disruptions and missing education in schools are compensated by Private Courses.
- Teacher's knowledge of subject and pedagogical competencies show significant differences.



- By the year of 2012 Turkey has a total of 3,858 Private Courses and 1,280,297 students are studying in these schools.



- Since 1980 existence of Private Courses have been a big argument and closing them down came to consideration since then. Some reasons why the government see Private Courses as a problem;



- Private Courses are mainly in large cities and in city centers, which they are also with payment so it creates wage inequality.
- Damaging Teacher-Student relations by employing school teachers in these Private Courses.



- Doubt and anxiety in society caused the attendance in Private Courses to drop down to 10 years old.
- Private Schools to be teaching testing techniques as decryption and relying on rote teaching.









As a result of our discussions we found both positive and negative consequences of the closure of the Private Courses. According to our interview results;

- Negative results that the closure of Private Courses can cause;
- Private lessons to be taken at homes and offices for much higher rates, and as a result much smaller community to benefit from education services.



- Difference in education quality of private and public schools.
- Unemployment problems as no new employment areas are created for Private Course employees.





According to estimates done on 2012, 51,522 teachers are working in Private Courses. It is pointed out that only around 24,000 teachers have the characteristics that the government bills request.

According to the findings most of these teachers are living on the west side of the country. If a placement is arranged by the government most of these teachers will have to move to the east provinces of Turkey.



## Advantages of closing down the Private Courses;

- Providing more teachers to students that are Socio -economically disadvantaged.
- Creating a more creative and entrepreneurial training instead of rote education.



- Giving more importance to education of music, art, sports and etc.
- Promoting the re-arrangement of central examination system to be more creative thinking and relying more on analytical skills.

