

Model Schools – Minister for Education & Skills

Model schools were established during the 1800s to facilitate teacher training and have operated under Ministerial patronage for many years. The Minister for Education and Skills fulfils the role of patron of the nine Model Schools.

The model schools teach all aspects of the curriculum. Three of the nine model schools teach through the medium of Irish. All of the model schools are co-educational.

Although originally established as non-denominational schools, in practice these schools have evolved to provide primary education within a Christian ethos.