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### Schools as well as pupils may cheat!!!!



The integrated education movement has been forced to defend moves by some Northern Ireland schools to become integrated, in order to avoid closure because of falling pupil numbers. Existing schools which transform to integrated status are required to have a minimum of 10% of their incoming enrolment taken from the minority community in the area. The Department of Education expects this figure to increase and schools must achieve an overall balance of 70/30 within a period of 10 years.

There are currently around 60 integrated schools in Northern Ireland of which 20 have transformed. None has been in the Catholic maintained sector. Michael Wardlow, chief executive officer at the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, said: "Some schools have no doubt seen the process as simply formalising what they always have done."  
"This situation reflects the reality of the variety of reasons behind the decision to transform."