



SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

Guide to **Private Schools**

From its academic approach to its learning environment and location, there's a great deal to consider when searching for a school that best suits your child's education. Our special section is a comprehensive guide to make your search easier. Find profiles of private schools across metro Atlanta and much more.

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Academe of the Oaks

Academe of the Oaks offers a high school education without parallel in the Atlanta area. The rigorous, experiential Waldorf curriculum stimulates developing minds, and the faculty is deeply committed to each student's total growth. Members of the faculty are dedicated teachers holding advanced degrees in a variety of fields.

The accredited high school offers a challenging academic program, laying a strong foundation for postsecondary work, while fostering students' confidence to think independently and engaging their enthusiasm for learning. Core courses promote students' mastery of in-depth content while developing superior academic skills. The integration of arts, service learning, and direct experience enhances scholastic learning.

Located just east of downtown Decatur, Academe of the Oaks offers 9th through 12th grades.

Qualified applicants may be admitted throughout the year; students applying for Fall 2012 should submit application materials by Friday, February 24, 2012. For more information about the school and to reserve a space for a Visiting Morning, call (404) 405-2173, or visit www.academeatlanta.org.



Arbor Montessori School

Arbor is one of the largest Montessori schools in the Southeast—the flagship of Montessori education in Atlanta. Unlike any other school in Atlanta, Arbor gives children the foundation to flourish wherever they go.

- Founded in 1970
- Non-profit private school
- Ages 2.5 through 14
- All-day, early morning, and after-school options
- Two campuses (LaVista, Emory)
- AMI Recognized
- SACS/SAIS Dual Accreditation
- Traditional school year
- Board of Trustees composed of parents, teachers, and administrators



Before filling out an application we invite you to join us at an information session to learn more about Arbor's philosophy and curriculum. Our Information Sessions are November-January 2012. Please visit our website at www.arbormontessori.org to see the schedule or call 404-321-9304. Our OPEN HOUSE is January 28 from 10 a.m.-noon. The application deadline for the next school year is February 15, 2012.

Arbor Montessori School is located at 2998 LaVista Road, Decatur, GA, 30033. To learn more, call 404-321-9304 or visit www.arbormontessori.org.

Arlington Christian School

Living its mission statement (Luke 2:52), Arlington Christian seeks to challenge college preparatory students in Grades K4-12; to equip them in academic, spiritual, physical growth; and to teach them to honor God and become servant leaders.

Celebrating over 50 years, Arlington is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Students take numerous field trips to area museums and theatrical productions, the Georgia Aquarium, the Center for Puppetry Arts, Rock Eagle, Jekyll Island, Space & Rocket Camp, Washington, D.C., and Kennedy Space Center.

Upper School students have been on mission trips to Give Kids the World, New Orleans, Honduras, and Mexico. Many fulfill their service commitment helping with foster children and building with Habitat. International travel has included many European destinations.

The 40-acre campus includes the Charles K. Sewell Athletic Complex (fields for football and soccer with seating for 600, track and practice field, press box and concession stand), Cannon Field (softball), baseball field, gymnasium, science laboratory, media center, computer labs, cafeterium, tennis courts, music and art facilities.

Located on Ridge Road between Highway 92 and Highway 154, Arlington is easily accessible to Douglas, Coweta and Fayette Counties.

Join them for an open house or call for a personal tour, 770-964-9871, www.arlingtonchristian.org.

Atlanta International School

Atlanta International School (AIS) offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum to over 1,000 American and international students from four-year-old Kindergarten (4K) through to Grade 12. AIS is one of a handful in the United States



where all students, from 4K to Grade 12, follow the renowned International Baccalaureate programmes. The AIS community welcomes American and locally based international families.

In the primary school, the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP) is taught within a world-leading language immersion program. In 4K through to Grade 5, core academic subjects are taught in two languages – English and either Spanish, French or German.

In the middle and upper schools, the IB program continues, culminating in the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP), which is highly regarded by universities and colleges in the United States and worldwide. Secondary school language options vary from beginner to native level.

AIS is accredited by the AdvancEd in the United States, the Council of International Schools, and the International Baccalaureate.

For more information, call 404-841-3840 or e-mail admission@aischool.org. Visit Atlanta International School online at www.aischool.org.



Atlanta Montessori International School

Atlanta Montessori International School (AMIS) nurtures the potential of the whole child and cultivates the growth of a diverse international community. In multi-age classrooms, children learn together in respectful, peaceful Montessori environments specifically designed to follow the child's needs from 8 weeks to 15 years. AMIS programs promote independence, initiative, confidence, responsibility, strong academics, self-discipline, leadership and a lifetime love of learning. Each AMIS classroom is staffed with AMI Accredited Teachers; these include Infant, Toddler, Primary, Lower and Upper Elementary, and Junior High.

AMIS is open Monday-Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm. Core school hours are 8:30 am - 3:15 pm. Extended day option available to all students. The Infant and Toddler communities enjoy a year-round school program. AMIS offers a Summer Program to all Montessori children in the area.

AMIS promotes a multi-cultural, multi-language Montessori atmosphere from language exposure for young children to international travels for older students. Elementary and Jr. High participate in an extensive outdoor program of camping and going outs. AMIS provides an extracurricular after-school program offering: ballet, athletics, art, music lessons & more.

Phone: 404-325-6777 Web: www.amischool.com
Address: 1970 Cliff Valley Way, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. AMI accredited and AdvancED SACS accredited.

Aurora Day School

Aurora is an award-winning, Georgia-accredited school offering a nationally accredited curriculum designed to accelerate learning for academic achievement.

At the Aurora Schools, their 21st Century Educational approach accelerates learning through Brain-Based methods. Blended classrooms, online learning programs, personalized learning plans and competency-based learning criteria provide research-based curricula and methodologies that generate a successful, accelerated learning experience for students.

Accessible, Accredited, Accelerated and Affordable. At Aurora students are provided with a learning environment that is optimal for learning and promotes stronger self-confidence. Here academic success increases, learning difficulties decrease and a love for learning develops.

Fully accredited, by the Georgia Accrediting Commission; the Aurora Day Schools, Summer Camps, Learning Acceleration Labs & Tutoring and the Aurora International On-line Academy all incorporate the Aurora Learning Acceleration System.

Now enrolling for second semester 2011/2012 and the 2012/2013 School Year. Accepting grades K - 12. Visit www.SmallSchoolsBigResults.com or call 404-377-8882 to schedule a visit. Accepting Georgia Special Needs Scholarships (SB10) and Georgia Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit Scholarships.



Augustine Preparatory Academy

Augustine Preparatory Academy is a private academy, where students are nurtured in a Christ centered environment. Augustine's structure and curriculum allows each student to discover their individual purpose and destiny. Students are expected to maintain a healthy self-awareness, demonstrate the fruit of the spirit, and show respect for authority.

Students at Augustine Preparatory Academy traditionally score anywhere from one to two grade levels above the national norms on standardized tests. Standardized tests evaluate the progress of the individual student and the school as a whole in comparison to other schools nationally. The goal at Augustine is to strive for excellence while building leaders by providing education that transforms the heart as well as the mind.

Students in all grade levels learn the value of cooperative learning in a diverse cultural environment, and they are encouraged to work side by side with faculty and students of different cultures, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds. Augustine believes a well-rounded education equips students for the "real world."

The admissions process is selective; students are admitted based on standardized tests, transcripts, a letter of recommendation, and an interview. The opportunities for your child at Augustine are endless.

For more information about Augustine Preparatory Academy, call 404-326-5132 or visit www.augustineprep.info for open house dates.

The Bedford School

The Bedford School is located on Milam Road in Fairburn, Georgia.

The school serves children with learning disabilities in grades 1-9. Students are grouped by skill levels in classes of 12 or less.

At Bedford, students receive the proper academic remediation, as well as specific remedial help with physical skills, peer interaction and self-esteem.

Students must be diagnosed professionally as having specific learning disabilities.

The Bedford School is based on the idea that every human being should have the opportunity to become the very best person possible.

For the child with the learning disability, this is difficult without proper intervention.

The goal of the school is to help each child maximize his potential through a combination of teamwork, structured materials, organized activities and a dedicated staff. Extracurricular activities include basketball, soccer, volleyball and track and field.

A four-week summer program is available through Camp Squirrel Hollow, where children can receive tutoring in the areas of Language Arts, Math and written expression in a camp-like setting. The summer program is open to students in grades 1-9 who need an academic boost.

For more information, call Betsy Box at 770-774-8001 or visit the website at www.thebedfordschool.org.

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Brandon Hall School

Some students enter Brandon Hall in Middle School, others in Upper School, but when they all graduate, they are not only fully prepared for college, they are ready for a full life ahead. For over 50 years, the transformative power of the Brandon Hall experience has been rooted in a personalized approach to education, from small classes (average six-to-one ratio) to individual tutoring, to expert college advisement tailored to each student. Faculty members are both experts in learning methodologies to fit every child, and caring instructors in life skills. A national model in research-based education, Brandon Hall celebrates the individual qualities and talents of each student in the diverse family of day students and boarding students from across the nation and around the world.

Located on 27 acres adjacent to the Chattahoochee River in Dunwoody, Brandon Hall is a co-educational, college preparatory school, and is dually accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Southern Association of Independent Schools (SACS/SAIS). The school provides both day and boarding options and has an enrollment of approximately 140 students.

Did you know? 100% of Brandon Hall's graduating seniors go on to a college or university.

Learn more online at www.brandonhall.org or call the Office of Admissions at 770-394-8177 to schedule a visit or to request an admissions packet. You may also email the school at admissions@brandonhall.org.

The Children's School

Since its establishment in 1970, The Children's School has maintained a tradition of quality education. An independent, nonprofit elementary school, The Children's School is a learning environment in which academic development is stressed along with social and emotional growth. The atmosphere is a caring, nurturing one that fosters a deep sense of community.

The Children's School provides children with experiences that accommodate a variety of learning styles. The faculty and staff are committed to the fullest possible development of each child on many different planes, including intellectual, social, emotional, physical and cultural. They provide rich educational experiences that enable every child to thrive in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex society.

At The Children's School, strong interrelationships among students, faculty, parents and the community are stressed. Children learn by active involvement in diverse media and by direct personal experiences. Motivation for learning comes from within the child and is stimulated and cultivated by teacher and parent reinforcement, guidance and example. The Children's School embraces a multicultural approach to learning.

The Children's School recruits and sustains a diverse student body of more than 400 students three years old through the sixth grade. For additional information on the school's programs, please call 404-873-6985 or visit www.thechildrensschool.com.

Brookwood Christian School

Brookwood Christian School, founded in 2004, is a very small 1st-12th grade GAC accredited school for students who do not fit the mold in traditional Christian Schools.



Brookwood is appropriate for bright students with learning differences in reading and math including but not limited to Dyslexia and Dyscalcula. It is also appropriate for English Language Learners. College prep and Tech School prep programs are available. Full time and home school programs are available.

Reading curriculum includes Wilson Reading Program based on Orton Gillingham methods and Visualizing and Verbalizing by Linda-Mood Bell. Math curriculum includes Touch Math, Teaching Textbooks Math, Saxon Math.

Friday afternoons are devoted to Charlotte Mason style fine arts, experiential learning, and field trips that enhance the curriculum. Art programs and tutoring are offered after school for Brookwood students as well as the whole community.

Brookwood is located at the corner of North Main St. at 4728 Wood Street in Historic Downtown Acworth near Dallas Landing on Lake Allatoona.

Open House is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. To reserve a date, call 678-401-5855 or email kim.wigington@brookwoodchristian.com.

Colonial Hills Christian School

Colonial Hills Christian School has been offering quality Christian education for over 50 years. Having been founded in 1959, CHCS is the oldest Christian or Private school in Douglas County and is fully accredited with graduates at every major university in GA, AL, and many other states.

With its age and maturity, Colonial Hills has been able to develop 70,000 square feet of educational space to provide a superior, diverse honors-level academic program emphasizing quality and excellence. Music, art, drama, band and computers help to provide balance to the challenging academic rigors of the classroom. In addition, CHCS offers smaller class sizes and interactive white boards in the classrooms.

Students can compete in 20 different teams as a part of our athletic program. Boys are able to compete in football, basketball, cross-country and soccer while girls sports include volleyball, basketball, cross-country, soccer and cheerleading.

The beautiful facilities include a library, cafeteria, computer lab, art room, music room, three science labs, gym, performing arts center, and fitness center.

Come and see why after 53 years of excellence and commitment to quality, Colonial Hills is one of Georgia's oldest and finest Christian Schools. For more information please visit www.chrams.org or call 770-941-6342.



Cornerstone Christian Academy

Cornerstone Christian Academy partners with parents by providing quality academic education designed to develop students who will follow Christ, embrace Biblical truth and live lives that glorify God. Our goal as a school is to infuse Christ into everything we do. Cornerstone partners with The Church and parents to educate the whole child: "a cord of three strands is not quickly broken" (Ecc. 4:12). Nestled in beautiful Peachtree Corners, Cornerstone serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Highly experienced, certified educators provide a nurturing but challenging environment where each child is lovingly accepted and valued as an individual.

At Cornerstone, Biblical worldview integration connects a Biblical framework to all aspects of life that leads to understanding and wisdom. The Bible is not just taught in Bible class. Cornerstone takes a holistic approach to education that includes everything from technology classes to competitive sports programs, to providing students ample opportunities to serve in the local community as well as weekly chapel services and discipleship groups. Cornerstone firmly believes that the total learning experience must be rooted not just in a rigorous math and science curriculum, but also in the development of writing skills and analytical thinking.

For more information, call (770) 441-9222 or visit online at www.cornerstonecougars.org.

Cornerstone Leadership Academy

How many elementary students can say that, for their senior trip, they did community service in the Philippines? Cornerstone Leadership Academy is an accredited non-profit independent school with a mission to 'create ambassadors for the world'. This goal is passionately carried out through the implementation of a rigorous and discovery-based curriculum with the child at the center of learning. Students are taught at least one year above grade level with real-life/hands-on experiences ranging from pre-k students learning about nature through nature walks to 4th graders going to Washington D.C. to learn more about our government. Organic meals and snacks are served daily with classroom sizes of no more than twelve.



Pre-k, elementary, and middle school students explore through an innovative integrated curriculum of Leadership, Character, and Culture (LCC) as foundational pillars. An example of how this is incorporated into teaching; each month, the entire school studies a world leader and his/her county of origin along with an obvious character trait of that leader. The month-long examination culminates with a cultural dinner for students, families, and friends where students exhibit what they have learned about the leader and country.

For more information, visit www.claschool.org or call 770-987-4400.

Covenant Christian School

Established in 1975, Covenant Christian School (CCS) in Smyrna celebrates 36 years of Christian education. CCS is committed to partnering with Christian families in the nurture and education of their children by providing a classical academic program in a distinctly Christ-centered environment. CCS students are taught to think biblically and analytically, to articulate fluently, and to embrace a life-long love of learning in order to influence our culture for Christ. The distinctive classical approach to learning draws upon proven methods which are structured around three traditional stages of development in children: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. These are also teaching methods implemented throughout each subject and grade level Pre-K 4-8th.

The experienced faculty and staff bring many years of committed Christian teaching to our students each day. They are personally devoted to applying sound biblical principles in all areas of teaching as they lead students to seek knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

CCS also enables students to broaden their interests outside the classroom including athletics, chess, Communicators for Christ, ballet, Girl Scouts, piano, etiquette, fencing, and others. Come see the benefits of a Covenant education by attending an Open House 9:30-11 am and 7 pm on Jan 19, Feb 2 and March 1. For more information, call 770-435-1596 or visit www.ccssmyrna.org.

Cross of Life Christian Montessori

Established in 1994, COLCM offers an award-winning learning environment and the unparalleled advantage of Montessori education. The campus is located on 13 wooded acres including a creek, a certified wildlife habitat, and an outdoor amphitheater. Students may join the toddler community at 15 months and stay through Kindergarten. COLCM welcomes families of all ethnicities and faiths.

COLCM purposefully maintains a small student body, choosing to foster a more personalized educational experience for the students. Each staff member is carefully chosen for skill, education, professionalism, and of course, kindness. All are AMI certified Montessori teachers. In addition to superb academics, COLCM students develop independence, responsibility and problem solving skills.

The teaching methods are based on the work of Dr. Montessori. The values are based on the Christian foundations of faith, community, love, service and respect. COLCM participates in service projects throughout the year and is one of the few schools in Atlanta incorporating the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum. Call 770-475-3812 or visit colmontessori.com for more information. Private tours given throughout the year, call for an appointment.

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Cumberland Academy of Georgia

Cumberland Academy of Georgia is a private, non-profit independent school specializing in the needs of students with Asperger's Syndrome, ADD/ADHD, PDD-NOS, high functioning autistic spectrum disorders and learning disabilities. Fully accredited with both SACS/CASI and GAC accreditations, Cumberland serves grades 4 through 12 and offers a post-graduate year, as well. Students are challenged academically with a college preparatory curriculum in small class sizes as well as encouraged with a very strong emphasis on social and life skills. The Academy meets students where they are and takes them where they need to be by transforming disabilities into empowering capabilities. All students are challenged and inspired to discover their talents to maximize their full potential.

Cumberland Academy of Georgia addresses the student's academic, emotional, and social concerns through innovative and challenging programs. The Academy provides an exciting and challenging curriculum that recognizes the different educational needs of each student. Cumberland respects diversity and fosters lifelong learning skills through cooperative learning and active hands-on techniques. The "best practices" curriculum infuses core curriculum classes, as well as art, drama, physical education, technology, social skills programs, public speaking and personal finance.

Cumberland operates on an open enrollment basis. Contact to tour – Terri Brooks, 404-835-9000, admissions@cumberlandacademy.org, 650 Mt. Vernon Hwy., NE, Atlanta, GA 30328. www.cumberlandacademy.org

The Duluth Montessori School

The Duluth Montessori School is committed to providing an environment in which children have the opportunity to grow physically, emotionally, academically and in spirit. Accredited by Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), Duluth Montessori provides an environment for instructors and children where the Montessori principles can be applied.



Multi-age classrooms allow children to develop long-term relationships with peers and teachers in a caring community that fosters self-esteem, independence, respect for others, self-discipline, cooperation and the love of learning. Children are grouped together in the Toddler Community from ages 14-months to 36-months, in the Primary Community from ages three to six, and in the Elementary Community from ages six to twelve. In this way, every child experiences a cycle of introduction, familiarity and leadership.

Near the historic area of downtown Duluth and the Sugarloaf community, the school offers a nurturing environment for its students. Beautiful, spacious houses with hardwood floors, large windows and sweeping vistas of rolling green hills and woodlands provide a home-like setting where teachers guide the child to curiosity and meaningful work.

To schedule a tour visit www.duluthmontessori.com.

The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy

The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy offers students a balanced curriculum, integrating an exceptional and rigorous secular education with Reform Jewish traditions and values.

Davis serves students starting in Mechina: Kindergarten Prep, our highly successful full day program for children who turn five by Dec. 31, through Eighth Grade. Innovative programs include integrated technology, fine arts, languages, community service projects, after-school enrichment, student government, broadcasting, yearbook, MathCounts, memberships in National Junior Honor Society and National Thespian Society. Davis has a wide variety of interscholastic and intramural athletics for students of all ages and skill levels. The fantastic musical production involves over 200 students and alumni mentors each year.

Davis students take top placements in academic and arts-related competitions, including math and science. Davis teaches life skills and offers enhancing, enriching experiences so that our students mature as well-balanced, self-confident, caring individuals. Students take overnight trips beginning in Fifth Grade, including a two and a half week excursion to Israel in Eighth Grade. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and succeed at the best high schools and colleges following their years at Davis.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Berk, Director of Admission at 678-527-3300 or visit davisacademy.org.

Eastminster School

Now in its eighth year of outstanding achievement, Eastminster School, East Atlanta's premier liberal arts college preparatory school, enrolls students from nine counties. Students have consistently scored between the 97th and 99th percentiles on the ITBS, which is given every spring. Motivated and disciplined students are challenged by a rigorous liberal arts program.



The canon of core literature, music, art, and oration provides Eastminster students a foundation in the masterworks of Western Civilization and prepares them for the Upper School curricula, which includes Advanced Placement coursework in English, history, mathematics, science, and art. Eastminster students enjoy a broad spectrum of cultural, artistic, theateric, and athletic programs throughout their school experience.

Weekly chapel services teach the value of a God-centered life and the virtues of compassion, honesty, diligence, and respect for others. Based on Judeo-Christian values, the school respects a myriad of religions. Experience the vitality of the student body by visiting the campus. Come see why enrollment continues to grow every year and how Excellence in Mind, Body & Soul represents this institution.

For more information please visit www.eastminsterschool.org or call 770-785-6780.



Eaton Academy

Eaton Academy in Roswell knows that the “one size fits all” approach does not work for students today. That’s why Eaton offers three different types of SACS accredited programs supported by a staff of Schools Attuned trained professionals.



Option 1: students may enroll in the full-day K-12 school. The 5:1 student to teacher ratio allows instructors to address students’ personal learning styles. Through the use of technology, multisensory instruction, and a variety

of resources, students achieve significant academic and personal success. The curriculum is academically challenging and college preparatory. Option 2: the Independent Study Program (ISP) for credit is tailored to the individual’s schedule and academic needs. Students work at their own pace, one-to-one with an instructor to complete graduation requirements. Option 3: students may enroll in the Mentor Program to combine the personalized attention of the ISP with the benefits of a group approach.

Whatever students may need, Eaton works to create the correct education solution for them. At Eaton Academy, the goal is to provide one place to which families may come for clear answers. For more information call 770.645.2673 or visit EatonAcademy.org.

The Galloway School

Since its founding more than forty years ago, the Galloway School has been home to a diverse, vibrant community of learners who come together to pursue its collective values: individuality, fearlessness, mastery, and community.



The educational philosophy and approach stem from the belief that learning should be both challenging and joyful. It’s only then that children learn to love learning.

The exceptional results of the graduates speak to the power of a Galloway education.

They believe that it’s the journey of learning and personal development that makes Galloway truly different.

And the results speak for themselves, because Galloway graduates are mature, independent, and well prepared for college and for life as enlightened citizens of a changing and competitive world.

While they don’t define student success by comparative ranking, the students do well on standardized measures.

The Galloway School offers an environment of high expectations and low anxiety that challenges its students to grow by teaching them to challenge themselves today and for the rest of their lives.

For more information, call 404-252-8389 or visit the website at www.gallowayschool.org.

First Montessori School of Atlanta

First Montessori School of Atlanta, serving students ages 1 ½ to 14, is the Southeast’s oldest Montessori school. First Montessori School of Atlanta has a long history of providing nurturing and skilled teachers and an educational experience crafted to each stage of the child’s development, cultivating each student’s individual talent. First Montessori School of Atlanta is focused on helping students make discoveries and find their places in the world as well as develop intellectual skill and maximize potential. Therefore, intellectual abilities grow alongside their character in a warm and safe school community. Students develop the skills and spirit to thrive in the high school of their choice and in the world beyond. As a result, graduates and students matriculate to their choice of Atlanta’s competitive private and public schools. First Montessori School of Atlanta is located on a 7-acre wooded campus in a Northwest Atlanta neighborhood. In addition, First Montessori School of Atlanta owns an 86-acre Landschool in Northwest Georgia for outdoor programs supporting science research and discovery, outdoor excursions, independence and creativity. First Montessori School of Atlanta is more than school, it’s smarter than that. Call 404-252-3910, ext. 215 to make an appointment to observe classes with the Admission Coordinator or to reserve your place at an Open House on Jan. 19, Jan. 22 or Feb. 3. Adults only please.



George Walton Academy

For over 40 years, it has been GWA’s mission to establish and maintain a safe environment, to promote lifelong learning and to assist students in becoming responsible, self-disciplined adults who will contribute positively to society.

Their small class sizes offer increased individualized attention from a dedicated teacher base. Curriculum and technology are continuously evaluated to ensure students are equipped with the most current educational tools available.

GWA’s beautiful 50-acre campus allows many opportunities for students to become involved in a multitude of athletic and extra-curricular activities; developing their interests, encouraging community service and building confidence, self-esteem and mutual respect.

Located forty-five miles east of Atlanta, GWA continues to provide an exceptional environment in which college-bound students can reach their goals.

*100% of graduates are accepted to college

*SAT scores are consistently above the National Average

*National award winning Fine Arts and Music programs

*Fully Accredited

Call 770.267.7578 or visit www.gwa.com for more information.

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High Meadows School

High Meadows Head of School Jay Underwood says that research supports the school's inquiry-based approach. "Increasingly, we're seeing study after study showing that an early childhood curriculum structured around engaged play helps children develop a wide variety of skills and capabilities." The benefits of the right preschool and kindergarten environment do far more than encourage fine, gross motor, pre-reading/reading and counting/pre-math skills.

"Many preschool and kindergarten programs encourage those abilities. But we're also talking about the ability to self-regulate and focus, organize and internalize information, collaborate with



others, explore independently, and draw meaningful connections between ideas and the world in which they live. That's the difference between kids who feel like they have to go to school and people who have a deep, lifelong love of learning."

The High Meadows approach prepares students not only to thrive today, but also to pursue high levels of achievement in high school, university studies and the world beyond. "When I talk with our alumni, I'm continually impressed by their self-awareness and depth of

perception, as well as their many accomplishments. And almost without exception- even among adult alumni who are



long past their years in school- they talk about elements of their High Meadows education that enabled and inspired them to achieve so much."

High Meadows alumni have earned top scholarship awards in high school and college, including top scores on the SAT and ACT exams, as well as valedictorian, National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Scholar and Magna Cum Laude honors. They have gone on to become champion athletes, musicians, visual artists, writers and entrepreneurs.

These honors and successes may seem like a tremendous leap from the playtime of three, four, and five-year-olds. "Children really do grow up so quickly. Yet, so much of who they become is developed at such a young age," says Mr. Underwood. For more information, visit www.highmeadows.org. 1055 Willeo Road, Roswell.

The Heiskell School

The Heiskell School is a dynamic Christian School in Northwest Atlanta that offers one of the finest academic programs available at the preschool, elementary and junior high levels. Students thrive in a close-knit, family-like atmosphere. Classrooms are animated and inviting. Teachers tailor their instruction for academically talented students, guiding bright, curious children toward academic success in phonics and grammar as well as mathematics, literature, foreign language, science and history.

At Heiskell, students are encouraged to utilize their talents to impact their community, their country and the world. Using an innovative blend of traditional and modern methodologies, the school provides a teacher-directed education that integrates the Word of God into everyday academic studies, instilling leadership qualities and developing the strength of character that provide the foundation for a successful future as followers of Christ and "lights of the world".

From the first day a preschool child enters The Heiskell School, he is gently guided on the path leading to a love for learning. Biblical principles and precepts lay the foundation for building character at an early age. In a calm, yet vibrant setting, work and play complement each other.

The Heiskell School's comprehensive program builds successively upon the mastery and discipline acquired at each grade level, setting a high standard that equips graduates to excel in Atlanta's college preparatory schools.

The Heiskell School is located at 3260 Northside Drive in Atlanta. For more information, call 404-262-2233 or visit the school's web site at www.heiskell.net

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School is a college-preparatory day school for 3 year-old through 12th grade students. Founded in 1959, the school offers boys and girls an enriching program based on the Episcopal education tradition of inclusion, exploration, and respect for self and others.

Academic expectations are rigorous. The arts, physical education, and community service are also emphasized as important aspects of each student's development. HIES's goal is to provide an atmosphere that encourages students to reach their full potential and become involved and responsible citizens.

Through the HIES Laptop Program, all 5th through 12th grade students receive Apple MacBook Pros programmed with a wide range of productivity, research, and multimedia software central to both classroom and extra-curricular activities. The Program for Global Citizenship, a three year curricular option for rising sophomores, includes Comparative Religion, World Literature, Environmental Science, increased foreign language requirements and foreign study, and international service projects designed to develop a student's capacity for citizenship, servant leadership, and global awareness.

Located on Mount Vernon Highway in Sandy Springs, the school is easily accessible from all parts of Metro Atlanta. To learn more, please call 404-255-4026 or visit their website at www.hies.org.



Loganville Christian Academy

Loganville Christian Academy is an independent, non-profit, discipleship style school. Founded in 1998 with an enrollment of 67 students, LCA now sits on a 50-acre campus and boasts more than 570 students.



In his bestselling book, *Good to Great*, Jim Collins surmises that “the number one enemy of great is good.” Greatness can be defined in many ways.

At LCA we believe a great education encompasses several key components. First and foremost a great education is one in which each student thrives academically. For the Christian school, spiritual growth is another mark of

a great education. There is a constant push towards relevance and connecting with this generation in a meaningful way. Decisions about your child’s education is among the most important and sometimes the most difficult a parent can

make. LCA is here to make the decision easy, striving to create a climate of mutual respect among students and a community of fellowship among parents.

At LCA we aim to provide the highest standards of education within a caring and stimulating environment. Students receive a broad and balanced college preparatory curriculum infused with biblical principles. The faculty strives to make learning stimulating with a variety of educational experiences.



From the Friday night football games to the Night of the Arts celebration, LCA provides many avenues in which families can be involved and students have an opportunity to lead. Guests are welcome for a campus visit to experience the LCA difference. Loganville Christian Academy is located at 2575 Highway 81 in Loganville, GA. To learn more, visit www.lcalions.com and contact Suzanne Perry, Registrar at 770-554-9888 ext. 3106.

The Howard School

The Howard School educates students with language-based learning disabilities and learning differences, ages 5 years old through 12th grade. Small student-teacher ratios allow for personalized instruction, enabling children to work at their own pace and to express their knowledge in a variety of ways.

The integrated curriculum takes into account each child’s learning style and processing needs. The focus is on depth of understanding, breadth of experience, and real-world connections. One hallmark of the The Howard School is their emphasis on Metacognition. Metacognition leads to self-directed learning, self-monitoring, self-evaluation, and application of knowledge, tools and strategies. Students are expected to share what they’ve learned and who they are as learners in their student-led conferences.

Students are supported by a collaborative team of education specialists, including experienced classroom teachers, Speech – Language Pathologists, Literacy Specialists, a Math Specialist and an Assistive Technology Specialist. Art, music and physical education classes support the academic program. An interscholastic sports program with a no-cut policy emphasizes skill building and sportsmanship.



The Howard School is accredited by SACS and SAIS. Applications are accepted throughout the academic year and tours are offered most Tuesdays. For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact the admissions office at 404-377-7436, or visit www.howardschool.org.

Jacob’s Ladder

Jacob’s Ladder Neurodevelopmental School and Therapy Center, founded in 1998, is an SAIS-SACS Accredited, SB-10 school, Pre-k - 12. Founding Director, Amy O’Dell, develops tailored programs for children with Autism, ADHD, Brain Injury, CP, Down Syndrome, Learning Differences, Processing Disorders, Behavioral Disorders and other developmental delays.

Neurodevelopmental Evaluations are suggested at the earliest age possible. A custom program is designed to optimize strengths and address weaknesses, with in-depth discussion of findings and family training included.

Utilizing brain-based methodology, they offer a holistic approach. Intensive 1:1 individualized instruction, small transitional groups, summer programming, in-home implementation or home-schooling programs are some of their placement options.

The Jacob’s Ladder Elementary, Middle and High School provide a Neurodevelopmental classroom model. Each class serves up to eight students at a 3:1 ratio. All core subjects are covered while incorporating their philosophy and methodology.

The Therapy Center offers hourly interventions like Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Brain Mapping, Neurofeedback, iLs, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Arts, Tutoring and more for children and adults.

All are encouraged to attend a free educational seminar and tour of the 4 acre campus at 407 Hardscrabble Road in Roswell. Call 770-998-1017 or visit www.jacobsladdercenter.com.

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Montessori Schools of Georgia

Montessori Schools of Georgia offers you three conveniently located schools: the Montessori School at Emory, the Montessori School of Alpharetta and the Montessori School of Cumming.

Montessori provides the finest quality education available for children ages 15 months to 12 years. Three specific educational programs designed for Toddler, Primary and Elementary age children are based on the developmental needs and characteristics of each age group. Children are given one-on-one instruction from their teacher which creates an individualized program that engages their interests and skill levels.

The Montessori Schools of Georgia offer several options. Full day, half day, 10 month or year round formats are available. Afternoon enrichment programs are also offered from 3pm to 6pm, in which children enjoy experiences in the creative arts and sciences such as music, art and foreign language. Also, early morning drop-off is available at 7 a.m.

The Montessori School at Emory, founded in 1993, just moved to a new campus setting complete with beautiful classrooms, large garden areas, a soccer field, basketball court, a working kitchen for young aspiring chefs, and its own



gymnasium. For more information about the Montessori School at Emory, call 404-634-5777.

The Montessori School of Alpharetta is adjacent to New Town Park, which adds to the children's outdoor experience. The beautifully equipped classrooms have many oversized windows which creates an abundance of natural lighting. There are two large garden areas for children to get their hands in the dirt. For more information about the Montessori School of Alpharetta, call 770-667-1277.



The Montessori School of Cumming is situated on four wooded acres with nature trails and an outdoor classroom. The classrooms have beautiful views with cathedral ceilings. A huge playground provides room for soccer as well as imaginative play.

For more information about the Montessori School of Cumming, call 770-205-6773.

Montessori enjoys world renowned success because it draws on children's inherent love of learning. Please call to schedule a tour at one of the three locations or join us for our **Open Houses** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Montessori School at Emory on January 28th, Montessori School of Alpharetta on January 21st, Montessori School of Cumming on January 28th. Learn more at www.MontessoriSchoolsofGeorgia.com.

King's Ridge Christian School

Students at King's Ridge Christian School are surrounded by a school community focused on their success. The non-denominational college preparatory school serves students in pre-K thru grade 12 as they develop into self-directed learners, self-confident servants and self-aware leaders.

Located on a 70-acre campus with easy access to north Fulton, Forsyth and Cherokee counties, students receive superior academic preparation for college level work with a traditional math curriculum, 89% of AP scores a "3" or higher and a 100% college acceptance rate.

Students anticipate the opening of phase one of a new high school building in fall 2013 that will focus on flexible space, collaborative work areas and the connectivity necessary to navigate the global society in which they live. A Life Impact Center will support the discovery of student strengths, the college application process and community outreach of mentors and internships.

Multiple opportunities exist to build leadership skills in the smaller environment and the co-curricular GHSA arts and athletic programs. The Honor Code guides student character development with accountability and respect.

Students have relevant opportunities for faith development as Christian Life Associates mentor students through personal relationships and Bible studies. Regional and international service projects permit venues for students to live out their faith.

King's Ridge, a place where your story is known. For additional information contact 770-754-5738. www.kingsridgesc.org

The Lovett School

The Lovett School is an independent, college-preparatory day school serving students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Since Mrs. Eva Edwards Lovett founded the school in 1926, the school has been a leader in progressive education, with an emphasis on "the whole child." Lovett's reach extends beyond the Buckhead neighborhood – students come from 73 different zip codes across Atlanta – and even into Central America, where Lovett maintains 825 acres of Ecuadoran cloud forest as a preserve and research center.

Closer to home, Lovett opened a new Middle School in fall 2009. Lovett received LEED-Gold certification on the building, part of the school wide focus on sustainability, which also includes school vehicles running on biodiesel converted on site from the cafeteria's used cooking oil!

In the classroom, the curriculum includes a required year of American Studies (an interdisciplinary examination of the American experience), options for African, Asian, and gender studies and organic and biochemistry. Lovett is also one of the first schools in Georgia to offer AP Chinese, the culmination of a Chinese studies program that begins in the Lower School. In addition, Lovett offers a one-to-one laptop program in Grades 4-12, and single-gender classes in Grades 6-8.

The Lovett School is located at 4075 Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. For more information visit www.lovett.org or call 404-262-3032.



McGinnis Woods Country Day School

McGinnis Woods Country Day School is a private, non-parochial school offering a challenging Preschool, Elementary and Middle Grades Education. The school is located on the border of Forsyth and North Fulton counties in northeast Alpharetta. The Preschool at McGinnis Woods accepts children as young as 6 weeks and the elementary and middle school teaches students in PreK 4 through 8th grade. McGinnis Woods Country Day School has top accreditations, including GAC (Georgia Accrediting Commission), SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), and NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) in the Preschool. McGinnis Woods is a member of many professional and educational organizations including the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA).

Class sizes are small with low student-teacher ratios, allowing frequent one-on-one learning. The children learn through a variety of groupings including class lessons, small group activities, hands-on experiments and “buddy” classes which encourage multi-age groupings. The school is equipped with an in-house broadcast system, computer labs, wireless laptop labs and interactive whiteboards throughout the school. Frequent guest speakers and monthly field trips reinforcing classroom learning round out the classroom experience. Off-campus overnight class trips are offered for students in 1st-8th grade. Recent trips have included Zoo Atlanta, Elachee Nature Center, Desoto Caverns, Nature’s Classroom and Wahsega 4H Center.

The mission of McGinnis Woods is to *inspire students with the passion to excel*. This goal is accomplished by providing superior academics through hands-on approaches which foster self confidence and self esteem and that inspire a lifelong love of learning. Superior educational resources



are implemented to maximize the learning experience for our diverse student population. These programs include, but are not limited to: The Letter People, Saxon Phonics and Math, Wordly Wise, McGraw Hill, Harcourt, Glencoe, and Core Essentials.

The excellent curriculum provides the children with a strong framework on which to develop academically, socially and emotionally. The administration and staff are committed to helping each student achieve their full potential.

Students at McGinnis Woods enjoy many enrichment classes as part of their curriculum including library and computer skills, Spanish, character education, health, music,



art, band and chorus, physical education and quarterly electives for students in 5-8th grade. Community Service projects are emphasized throughout the year. All special programs are taught by specialists and provide opportunities for students to explore and discover talents and strengths.

Competitive sports and robotics teams train year round. Athletic teams include: soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, and track and field. Fine Arts offerings include: drama, chorus, band, visual arts, and special performances providing an avenue for creative expression.

Elementary school hours are 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (3:30 p.m. for students in 4th-8th), with Before and After School programs available for families needing additional child care. Discovery Clubs are offered during After School and include an impressive variety of choices including drama, band club, robotics, Science Club, ballet, cheerleading, football, JuJitsu, tennis, and cooking. The Preschool and After School programs are available from 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Exciting Summer Camps are also available. Junior and Senior Summer Camp Programs include a variety of theme based activities featuring fun field trips, enriching educational opportunities and on-site water activities. Our theme for summer 2012 is *Wildcat Adventures*.

The school encourages all prospective parents to visit and tour the beautiful campus and review the curriculum for each grade level. Parent involvement is strong and parents are invited and encouraged to take an active role in their child’s education. McGinnis Woods is known as a wonderful, caring family where community is strongly valued and nurtured.

Please visit www.mcginniswoods.org or contact the school to schedule a personal tour by calling 770-664-7764.

An open house for prospective students will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Additional tours are available by appointment.

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Mill Springs Academy

Mill Springs Academy is an SACS/SAIS accredited college preparatory, independent school community dedicated to the academic, physical and social growth of those students who have not realized their full potential in the traditional classroom setting. Since 1981 Mill Springs has been supporting student learning by raising expectations and developing self motivation, while providing skills and values for life.

The population consists of average to superior ability students in grades 1-12. Small classes and an individualized curriculum help them to capitalize on their strengths while learning compensatory strategies. Supportive services include speech/language, a school counselor, a college counselor, an academic counselor, and a community structure. The school offers fine arts instruction in art, band, chorus and drama in order to develop the "Total Person". A variety of sports, extended day, summer school and summer camps are also available.

The 85-acre campus is nestled in the beautiful rolling hills and pasture land of Alpharetta. For more information, please visit www.millsprings.org or call 770-360-1336. Mill Springs is a participant of the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship program (SB10). Follow them on [Twitter.com/@millspringsacad](https://twitter.com/millspringsacad).

Mount Carmel Christian School

Mount Carmel Christian School exists to provide a quality curriculum founded on academic excellence in a Christ-centered learning environment. The educational program, based on Jesus' model in Luke 2:52, seeks to develop the whole child. The application of this program lays a foundation for Biblically-based living in today's society.

MCCS is a fully accredited educational institution for students in prekindergarten through Middle School. Located on 44 acres off Highway 78 near Stone Mountain Park, MCCS is housed in an \$11 million complex. The facilities include spacious classrooms, a state-of-the-art computer lab, science lab, technology lab, performing arts amphitheater, a fully-equipped gym, and age appropriate playgrounds, and a baseball/softball complex. Small student/teacher ratios enable communication between teachers and families.

Mount Carmel's program, VOYAGE (Voyages of Young Achievers in Gifted Education) provides services for gifted students in grades 1-5 who qualify under the Georgia Board of Education standards. VOYAGE provides enrichment opportunities to the gifted child with an emphasis on creative problem solving and critical thinking.

During the past 35 years, MCCS has established an academically excellent reputation in the Gwinnett and DeKalb county area. For further information, contact our admissions department at 770-279-8443 or visit the school's website at www.mccsch.org. Open house tours available at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on January 25th and February 22nd, 2012.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy

Since its founding in 1998, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy has grown to a thriving school of nearly 500 extraordinary Kindergarten through 8th grade students. The secret to this success? A commitment to excellence and a desire to help children become all that God intends them to be.

In addition to core subjects, training in critical thinking and reasoning skills are also provided, as well as Latin and Logic. Bible is taught at all grade levels and students are encouraged to explore their faith and grow closer to Christ. In addition to a vibrant academic program, MBCA provides Fine Arts, service projects, clubs, and athletic programs. The championship athletic program provides opportunities for students to participate in basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, crosscountry, cheerleading, golf and tennis.

The 44 acre campus features athletic fields, a pond, and nature area allowing for exploration outside of the classroom. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Mt. Bethel Christian Academy delivers an exemplary program that produces well-rounded students grounded in Christian principles. To learn how your student can begin a journey of exciting growth at Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, visit: www.mtbethelchristian.org, call Rhea Adkins, Director of Admission at 770-971-0245, or email: rhea.adkins@mtbethel.org.



Mount Paran Christian School

An interdenominational community with a passion for serving and learning, MPCS has been providing a balance of traditional education and contemporary approaches where faith and intellect grow as one for 35 years. Students of all ages participate in spiritual growth opportunities such as weekly chapel services, daily Bible classes, community service projects, and short-term mission trips. In this Christ-centered environment, students discover how using their God-given talents and abilities to excel in the areas of academics, arts, and/or athletics brings honor and glory to God.

With full SACS/SAIS accreditation, MPCS offers challenging academics for grades PK3-12. Expanded opportunities exist for those who qualify with an ENCORE/Gifted program in lower school, advanced classes in middle school, and over 50 honors and AP courses along with a summer study abroad program in high school. Additionally, the Dozier School of Performing Arts is a performing arts magnet program. In this program, students explore the performing arts with a scope and depth that prepares them for college and professional arts programs. Finally, MPCS now offers 15 sports programs with the addition of a varsity wrestling program for the 2011-2012 school year. As a GHSA member of region 6A, MPCS competes at one of the highest levels in high school and middle school athletics.

If you feel your child would benefit from the experience of Mount Paran Christian School, call the Admission Office at 770-578-0182 for your personal tour or visit online at www.mtparanschool.com



Mount Pisgah Christian School

College Prep. Life Ready. Being prepared for college is important. But to be successful, today's students need much more. They must be ready to face the challenges of life. That's the Pisgah difference. The essence of Mount Pisgah Christian School's mission is best described as: College Prep. Life Ready.

Personalized instruction, excellent academics, and one-on-one relationships between faculty and students are Pisgah trademarks. The Pisgah Advisement program guides students through the education process and produces dramatic results—initially in self-discovery and academic performance and ultimately in college acceptances and lifelong success. The results are impressive—93% of Pisgah graduates are accepted to their first college of choice. The exceptional athletic and arts programs allow students to discover talents and build self-confidence. Global mission trips and leadership opportunities abound.

From infants to high school seniors, Pisgah meets the needs of every child. Dedicated teachers have a passion for working with children, opening a new world before their eyes in the classroom, on the stage, on the playing field, and in the local, national, and worldwide mission fields. Experience Pisgah and discover the difference when students are prepared for college and ready for life. Schedule your personal tour by calling 678-336-3443. www.experiencepisgah.org.

North Atlanta International Academy

North Atlanta International Academy (NAIA) is a fully licensed and accredited International School for preschool through elementary. A strong focus on academics provides students with the highest quality education. NAIA fosters multilingualism and internationalism through the combination of its curriculum, the International Baccalaureate (IB), and its 5 immersion languages - English, Spanish, French, German and Mandarin. Small class sizes (7:1) in all grades encourage critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and an individual approach. The challenging curriculum combines a world-renowned educational methodology with real life experiences that empower children to inquire about the world around them. Activities are tailored to each child's ability to keep them engaged and balanced. A new facility offers students a variety of books, activities and experiences, computers and technology, as well as two all natural playgrounds for outdoor exploration. All teachers are experienced educators and native speakers in the 5 language tracks. NAIA also offers enrichment classes, Saturday school, private tutoring, summer camps and adult programs.



For more information, please visit www.northatlantainternational.com or call 770-205-5574. Come take a tour to see how NAIA can enhance your child's development and education. The Open House is scheduled for January 14, 2012 from 11am to 2pm.

Mount Vernon Presbyterian School

Established in 1972, Mount Vernon Presbyterian School, serves students in Preschool through Grade 12. Located on 37 acres in the heart of Sandy Springs...MVPS is a school of inquiry, innovation, and impact. Grounded in Christian values, Mount Vernon prepares all students to be college ready, globally competitive, and engaged citizen leaders. The Class of 2011 earned nearly \$2 million dollars in college scholarships (excluding Hope), with the top graduate achieving the National Merit Scholarship Award. Athletically, MVPS offers 36 Sports with the Varsity Boys Basketball team clinching two state titles in 2009 and 2011.

Demonstrating the School's commitment to inquiry, the Upper School offers a dynamic opportunity unique to Atlanta private schools called Interim Term. Students travel through cultural arts trips, national college tours, mission trips, as well as participate in internships.

With innovation at the forefront, Mount Vernon's Center for Design Thinking teaches students to identify real world issues, collaborate through research, test their results, and produce prototypes to impact the community. This innovative program is the only one of its kind among Atlanta independent schools, and is based on a model developed by Stanford University's Design School.

Having an impact throughout the Atlanta area, each year MVPS students perform more than 10,000 hours of community service.

Group Tours are January 11, 18 and 19 with an Open House scheduled for January 28. For more information, visit www.mountvernon.school.org or call 404-252-3448.

Pace Academy

With 1040 students in grades pre-first-twelve, Pace Academy is the ideal size to maximize all facets of a child's development. Pace's intimate setting enables students to be involved on many levels - in the classroom, in sports, in the arts and in service. With average SAT scores typically exceeding 1300, Pace students regularly attend colleges such as the University of Virginia, Duke, Stanford and Washington and Lee.

In Pace's close environment, students know they have support from their teachers and friends. They learn to ask questions, think critically and communicate well, so well, in fact, that Pace has held the state debate championship title for 39 out of the past 41 years.

Because Pace is small, student/faculty/parent partnerships come easily. The family-centered environment develops academically, culturally, socially, athletically and emotionally strong students. Pace offers championship teams, acclaimed fine arts programs, an award-winning service program and a drama program second to none.

To be at Pace is to belong at Pace. The school fosters an environment in which students grow to appreciate and respect each other. Many Pace students will become great leaders, scholars, athletes and artists, but the goal of the school is to develop confident students who lead balanced lives and are well-prepared for the world ahead.

For more information, visit www.paceacademy.org or call 404-262-1345.

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Porter Academy

Porter Academy's mission is to educate children who have not been successful in a traditional classroom. They serve children who have difficulties with attention, sensory processing, language processing, auditory processing, dyslexia, fine/gross motor skills, visual processing, reading, math, social interactions, and self-esteem. There are currently 58 students in attendance (Pre-K through 8th grade).

The occupational therapists incorporate Integrated Listening Systems (iLs) into the school day. iLs is an auditory training program in which students listen to modified music that helps develop foundational skills such as sensory regulation, auditory processing, coordination, and memory. While listening, students participate in motor activities that focus on bilateral coordination and crossing midline in order to strengthen the connection between the two hemispheres of the brain. Since integrating iLs, noteworthy progress has been observed in students auditory processing, gross motor skills, and handwriting.

Porter Academy's goal is to help students take on responsibility for their own learning and become active participants, rather than passive recipients, in the learning process. Porter Academy students develop the skills and confidence that serve as a foundation for lifelong success.

Join us for our Open House and Zumba Event on Sunday, January 29, 2012. For more information, call: 770-594-1313 Please visit our website: www.porteracademy.org

Seigakuin Atlanta International School

Seigakuin Atlanta International School (SAINTS) offers bicultural and bilingual education in Japanese and English to children from age 2½ through 6th grade. The student population is diverse. SAINTS families have represented many different countries of origin since the school was founded in 1990. Approximately 50% of the students are U.S. citizens.

SAINTS elementary school is a unique educational institution accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education. SAINTS offers quality education in a two-way immersion program: both native English speakers and Japanese speakers study math, science, social studies, etc. in English and Japanese. SAINTS alumni are highly successful in both American and Japanese school systems. The two-way immersion program offers 90% Japanese immersion at the early grades, with the ratio of instructional languages gradually shifting to 50/50 in the upper grades.

An essential component of SAINTS' mission is to help prepare students to become active participants in an international society. SAINTS is offering a 2 to 3 day/week pre-school program as well. This program is to help young children from age 2½ ease comfortably into school life. SAINTS offers a Christian environment. For more information, please call 770-730-0045 or visit www.seigakuin.ac.jp/english/atlanta.



Saint Francis School

Saint Francis School is SACS/SAIS accredited, independent, non-profit, nonsectarian college preparatory school founded in 1976. PreK – 8th grades are located on the 24-acre Roswell Campus while the High School is located on the 47-acre Alpharetta campus.

The school's commitment to small class sizes, low pupil-to-teacher ratio, and a strong emphasis on structure and organization allows students to enjoy success in academic areas and develop the self-confidence necessary to be successful in college. Curriculum offerings include AP, Honors, Traditional and Support classes.

With a 100% acceptance rate to college and the majority of graduates qualifying for the Hope Scholarship, Saint Francis alumni attend a wide variety of programs ranging from Ivy League schools, to small private colleges to prestigious Art Institutes.

Saint Francis' High School Drama and Art programs have consistently received exceptional ratings in both local and state wide competitions. The high school has frequently been recognized for its outstanding community service program.

Sports are offered at both the middle and high school (GHSA) including football, soccer, baseball, track, swimming, wrestling, softball, volleyball and equestrian.

Call 770-641-8257 Ext. 3 (PreK – Gr. 8) and 678-339-9989 Ext. 33 (Gr. 9 – 12). www.saintfrancisschools.com

St. Joseph Catholic School

SJCS, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Established in 1953, it is part of the educational system of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. With a current enrollment of 490 in grades Kindergarten through eight, St. Joseph School prides itself on the spiritual growth and academic excellence of both students and teachers.

The core curriculum includes religion, mathematics, science, social studies, language arts and reading. Recently built dedicated space is used for middle school and also for supporting classes in Spanish, computer science, art, physical education and music. Students enjoy enriching experiences such as weekly Mass, community service, field trips, choir, band, student council, arts festival and science fair.

The middle school offers elective classes in a variety of areas including Lego Robotics. For the fourth year SJCS has the Small Fry to Go program which originated at GA Tech to enrich elementary school curriculum through the raising and releasing of native fish. Graduates continue their academic excellence by attending rigorous high school programs at Catholic and private schools and also IB and magnet programs in the public school systems.

For more information visit St. Joseph school on the web at www.stjosephschool.org or call 770-428-3328.



St. Martin's Episcopal School

St. Martin's Episcopal School is a place where each child can discover his or her unique gifts and have those nourished into full expression. Serving approximately 575 students from 3 years old through 8th grade, St. Martin's has offered a quality education in a loving, Christian environment for more than 50 years.



Every parent knows that the ability to learn, create, lead and serve is as individual as each child. St. Martin's believes in giving every student time to grow at his or her own pace. With small classes and a nurturing community, students can safely explore, take risks, face challenges and celebrate each other's success in academics, arts, athletics and more. They are not only well-prepared to be high achievers and strong leaders during high school, they also build a foundation that encourages lifelong learning.

As an Episcopal school, students' spiritual growth remains an important part of the school's mission. While St. Martin's is a Christian school with an Episcopal identity, children of all faiths are welcomed.

At St. Martin's, visitors will find smiling faces, excited learners and exceptional teachers. Please tour our campus to learn more. Contact Director of Admission Blythe Marsau for more information at (404) 237-4260.

Trinity Chapel Academy

TCA is a private Christian school located in Powder Springs, Georgia. TCA currently serves students from Cobb, Paulding and Douglas counties in grades K5 - 12. All students at TCA are offered a strong curriculum that is taught by excellent, loving, state-certified teachers. Teachers use a variety of textbooks and teaching methods to create an environment that promotes life-long learning. TCA participates in the Apple MacBook 1:1 program. All students in grades 6 - 12 are issued a Macbook laptop for daily classroom and home use. In addition to having online access to textbooks, students are building their electronic portfolios and learning valuable technology skills.



Accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC), TCA strives to provide excellence in education with a Kingdom focus. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of elective classes including physical education, computer science, art, music, Spanish, French, drama, daily Bible instruction and weekly chapel services. TCA also competes interscholastically in baseball, boys and girls soccer, cross-country, cheerleading, volleyball, and boys and girls basketball.

Applications are available online and will be accepted on or after January 5, 2012 for 2012-2013. For more information, please visit www.trinitychapelacademy.com or call 678-831-1062 to schedule a personal tour.

Tabula Rasa

Tabula Rasa, The Language Academy Spanish and French Total Immersion School started with a desire to create a family-like environment where children through age 10 can become fluent in a second language (Spanish and French) and learn the culture of the countries speaking that language. A strong aspect of the daily programs and activities has to do with diversity, respecting the environment and each other. The students come from a variety of backgrounds and countries, the teachers are native-speakers, all of which adds to the diversity and enrichment of the learning experience.

The program is accredited through Georgia Accrediting Commission. Tabula Rasa is looking into incorporating the International Baccalaureate (PYP) curriculum for Pre-K through the 3th grade in the very near future.

Within the next two to five years Tabula Rasa, The Language Academy will add another 2,000 feet of classroom space and a new library in the existing 10,000 square foot campus at 5855 Riverside Drive in Sandy Springs. This project will make it possible to increase the existing attendance of more than 100 students.

For more information or to tour the campus and see reasons why students love the program, please call 404-409-0827, or visit www.trlanguages.com.

The Waldorf School of Atlanta

Celebrating 25 years, the Waldorf School of Atlanta provides an extraordinary educational experience for your child and a nurturing school community for your family. Located in Decatur, the school offers a preschool through middle school curriculum for 250 students. The curriculum - rich in every branch of academics and enlivened with the arts and practical skills - honors children at each stage, nurturing their current capacities and preparing them for new learning to come. Music, art, movement, handwork, and foreign language are significant aspects of our curriculum.

The Waldorf School of Atlanta is founded around several basic principles: that childhood is sacred and must be protected; that children's imaginations must be actively engaged to support life-long learning; and that innovative teaching methods are important to a curriculum that addresses every aspect of a student's being - mind, body, and soul. Students are guided to develop capacities for reasoning and judgment in a supportive and structured environment, strengthening the child to meet not only the challenges of school but also those of life.



Based on the philosophy of educational pioneer Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Waldorf education originated more than 90 years ago; today there are more than 1000 Waldorf schools worldwide. For more information, call 404-377-1315 or visit the website at www.waldorfatlanta.org.

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The Walker School

The Walker School is an independent, college-preparatory day school for students in grades Pre-K through 12. Walker offers students an intimate learning environment with an overall student to teacher ratio of 12:1. While the curriculum is challenging, students benefit from the individual attention of highly trained teachers. Over 20 college-level Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in the Upper School. A remarkable 87% of students who took an AP exam from 2007-2011 scored a 3 or higher, qualifying them for course credit at many colleges and universities.

Equipping students with a global perspective is a high priority that begins in Pre-K. The international exchange programs in the Upper School provide faculty and students with opportunities to explore the richness and diversity of other societies, while instilling respect for all people. Cultural awareness and world language study is a part of the curriculum each year until graduation when 100% of students go on to a college or university. To aid them with their college decision, students are guided by an award-winning Dean of College Counseling and Guidance.

The artistic and athletic accomplishments of Walker students are impressive. Walker's Upper School performances have garnered many awards and nominations including several nominations for Shuler Hensley awards in the past three years. The sports teams have acquired 13 state championships in the last five years alone.

The Walker School is located at 700 Cobb Parkway North, Marietta, GA, 30062. For more information call 678-581-6921 or visit online at www.thewalkerschool.org

Whitefield Academy

Whitefield Academy, a Christ-centered college preparatory school located in the Smyrna/Vinings area of northwest Atlanta, serves over 650 students in grades PreK-4 through 12.

Situated on a wooded 75-acre campus, Whitefield has established a solid academic reputation collegiately as its numerous AP and honors courses and rigorous curriculum set a framework for 100 percent of its graduates to matriculate to colleges and universities. Graduating classes amass between \$5-6 million in scholarships and grants every year.



Consecutive, annual perfect scores on the SAT have been recorded for numerous years – across each of the different disciplines.

Over 50 sports teams and 20 varsity teams often facilitate a discovery of talents and interests that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. Male and female Whitefield grads have moved to NCAA competition in football, basketball, golf, soccer, baseball, and track and field.

The award-winning fine arts department, which includes drama, orchestra, band, chorus, and visual arts, has produced successful performers and artists who have honed their skills at the collegiate and professional levels.

Whitefield Academy is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and is a member of the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS). Please contact Linda Simpson, Admission Director, at 678-305-3000 for more information.

Westminster

Westminster is a Christian preparatory school for grades Pre-First through 12, where motivated young people discover their gifts, their potential, and the world around them. Surrounded by encouraging teachers and coaches, Westminster students become lifelong learners who serve and lead in a changing world.

Westminster offers rigorous academics, wide-ranging arts including music, visual arts and drama, and the best overall athletic program in Georgia with 83 teams and 25 sports.

Service learning takes place at each grade level, thanks to partnerships with 37 nonprofit agencies. The high school curriculum is enhanced by international opportunities including study-abroad and exchange programs in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

The Westminster Schools is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/the Southern Association of Independent Schools. Westminster celebrates diversity and practices a nondiscriminatory admission policy.

Learn more about Westminster's academics, faculty, facilities, and extracurricular activities at www.westminster.net. To schedule a tour or register for the Junior High Open House Friday, January 6, 2012, please call 404-609-6202. Other events include the Arts Open House Thursday, January 5 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Athletics Open House Wednesday, January 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Woodward Academy

Since its founding in 1900, Woodward Academy has embraced a philosophy of education that asserts the importance and uniqueness of the individual student. With 2,665 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 on two campuses, the Academy offers a full range of college-preparatory instructional tracks, including a Transition Program for students with mild learning challenges. nineteen AP courses are offered in the Upper School as well as an unparalleled array of arts and athletic programs. Woodward includes families from 23 metro Atlanta counties, creating a community rich in diversity of faiths and ethnicities.



Woodward North, located in Johns Creek, serves families with children in prekindergarten through sixth grade. Woodward's Main Campus, in College Park, offers prekindergarten through 12th grade.

A typical graduating class attends more than 100 different colleges and universities, devotes 5,000 hours to community service projects, and earns more than \$14 million in scholarship awards.

Woodward North Open House: Sunday, January 29, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 6565 Boles Road, Johns Creek.

Woodward Main Campus Open House: Sunday, February 12, 2012, 2:00-5:00 p.m., 1662 Rugby Avenue, College Park.

To RSVP for Open House or to learn more about Woodward Academy, please call 404.765.4001. www.woodward.edu