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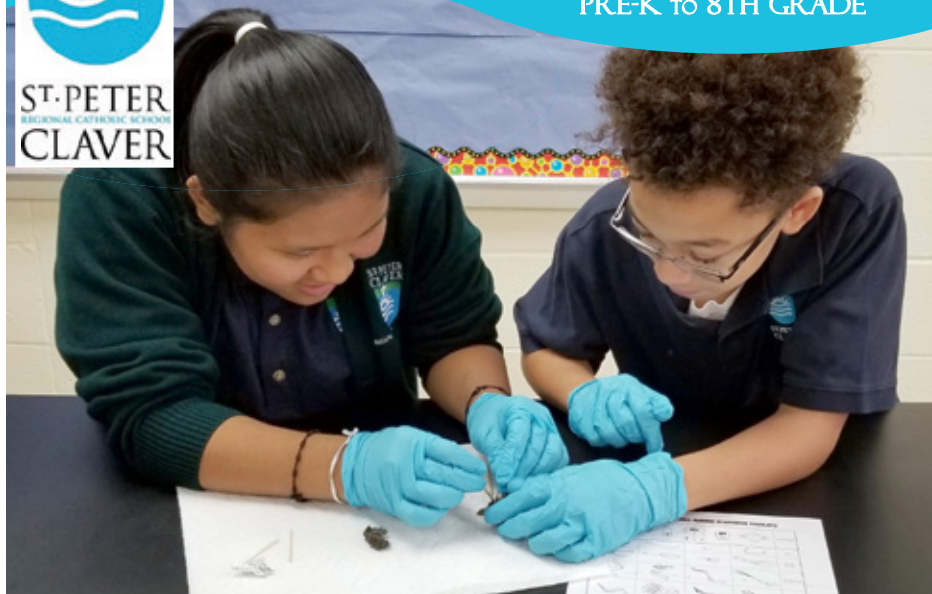


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School Prep for Parents

Five things to know at every stage

by Malia Jacobson

When kids are leveling up to elementary, middle or high school, parents must not only prep their child for the transition, but also absorb piles of new information themselves. Here's what you need to know to stay strong at every stage.

Elementary School

Get involved: Elementary school is an excellent time to plug in to parent involvement opportunities. Attend the school's first parent-teacher organization — you'll learn about events and activities that can enhance your child's school experience.

Undercover volunteer: Parental involvement in school is linked to better grades, fewer behavior problems, and increased teacher job satisfaction. Working parents, those with small children at home, and those who can't spare an entire day for a school field trip can still contribute. Contact your child's teacher and ask how you can help. Parents can help sort box tops, organize student folders, or prep supplies for classroom art projects from home on the weekends. And don't forget: Music teachers, PE teachers, and librarians need help, too.

Work at home: For kindergarten and first grade students, homework loads will likely be light. For very young students, basic reading and math facts are things families can practice at home; ask your teacher for a list of "sight words," or words your child will need to know on sight by the end of kindergarten, and review them weekly with your child. It's also a great time to plan ahead for upper elementary grades, when homework begins in earnest. Designate a spot for school papers and a calendar where you and your child can keep track of assignments and due dates.

Sleep scene: Experts say today's children get less sleep than they did a generation ago, and sleep deprivation can bring on ADHD-like symptoms including inattentiveness, mood swings and academic difficulty. Students ages 5 through 7 may still need up to 12 hours of sleep per night; kids age 8 and older may still require 8-10 hours.

Tech talk: Expect students to encounter technology early, even in kindergarten. Many classrooms have "smart boards" — the digital equivalent of a chalkboard — and students begin learning keyboarding skills in kindergarten. Older students may have the opportunity to "bring their own technology" to school. These programs allow students to use their own devices for research or special projects. (Many schools employ firewalls to block inappropriate internet content on these devices while kids are at school.)



Middle School

Supply crunch: Parents of middle schoolers can expect to spend big on school supplies. Costs are edging up because cash-strapped schools are leaning on parents to pick up the tab. Parents also foot the bill for extracurricular activities like band and school sports in middle school. To minimize supply costs, scour ad circulars for big-box stores' sales, go in with a group of parents and buy bulk supplies, and hit garage sales, where finds like backpacks can be snapped up on the cheap.

Schedule swap: Middle school marks a significant academic transition — instead of staying in one classroom, most students move from class to class and interact with a number of teachers throughout the day. Prepare students by purchasing locker-organization supplies — without a classroom "home base," the locker becomes central to staying organized — and creating a contact list for teacher names, emails and phone numbers. Try to meet teachers face-to-face prior to the first day, which can help ease back-to-school nerves for everyone.



Building skills: Academic pressure dials up in middle school, and students bear more responsibility for meeting deadlines and working independently. Students may need some help upgrading their study skills, such as learning how to use a planner efficiently, keeping track of papers and estimating how long an assignment will take.

Adviser advice: Middle school's myriad of teachers can seem daunting to parents, who may not know where to turn with questions or concerns. Generally, you can start with your student's adviser or homeroom teacher, who will be central to

his academic team in middle school. Keep this teacher's name and contact information handy so you can communicate.

Strong failings: In middle school, parents should begin allowing students to experience the natural results of their academic and social choices — this builds the autonomy needed for high school and beyond. If a student forgets to study for an exam or receives a low grade, encourage self-reflection: Did he or she study as much as possible, understand the material and ask the teacher for help? This analysis can help the student change how he prepares in the future.

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Teacher talk: Parent-teacher communication shifts in upper grades — expect to hear less from your child's instructors in general. In high school, students are expected to communicate directly with teachers, in preparation for college. Parents with questions or concerns should speak up — teachers welcome parent contact.

Step into sports: Whether your child shines on the basketball court or prefers solo athletic pursuits, high school is a great time to participate in sports. The most popular school sports by participation level are football, basketball, and track and field. School sports are linked to better grades and lower rates of teen pregnancy, and can provide a boost to college applications.

Calendar crunch: Parents of high schoolers often have questions about college application timelines, and counselors are the main source for answers. Freshman and sophomores should concentrate on challenging themselves academically and getting involved in extracurricular activities; juniors should develop a list of prospective schools, make campus visits, and take SAT/ACT tests. Fall of senior year is when most applications go out.

Step back: Children still need parental guidance and support as they learn to manage their academic, social and personal lives. It is still important for parents to be involved in their child's school life, by knowing his teachers and friends and attending school events.

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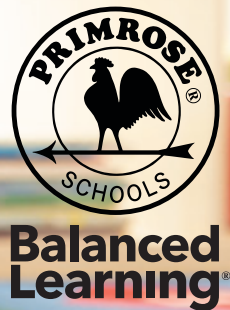
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The Right Preschool

Consider Class Size, Location and More as You Weigh Options



by Lara Krupicka

Given the college-like intensity of preschool admissions these days, with applications, waitlists and hefty tuitions, choosing a preschool can be a daunting process. You can soften the stress by narrowing your criteria ahead of time. Here's what to consider during your search:

Part- or Full-Time

You may remember going to preschool for a few hours a day, two or three days a week. And while those options exist, some preschools offer full-day, full-week preschool or child care/preschool combinations. Decide how many days and for how long your child will attend preschool.

Play-based, Academic, Co-Op

Knowing your goals for preschool can help you decide which preschool philosophy and style might fit best. Play-based schools target developmental and social growth and encourage child-directed learning. A traditional preschool with an academic focus has more structure and is teacher-directed. Co-op preschools rely heavily on parental participation. Other types of preschools include nature-oriented, religious-affiliated, and bilingual.

Location

Consider how far you want to drive and whether you want your child to be around preschoolers who will attend the same elementary school. You may prefer a more distant school for its reputation and be willing to drive. Or you may find a preschool along your commute to work more convenient.

Class size and teacher-student ratio

More reserved children may fare better in a more intimate setting, while other preschoolers thrive in a bustling room with lots of kids. Don't forget to note how many students per adult in the classroom. A larger class with a teacher and several aides may allow your child more one-on-one attention than a small class served by a single teacher.

Multi-year Options

If your child's birthday falls close to the elementary enrollment cutoff date, you may want him to attend more than one year of preschool. Many preschools offer age-based classes, but you may also find a preschool class followed by a pre-K class works for your family.

Visit Checklist

When you meet with the school's director, ask:

■ How are parents involved in the school?

A good sign is an active parent association that plans programs like family picnics, holiday parties, and parent socials. You might want to talk to other parents – the preschool should give you names.

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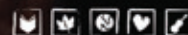
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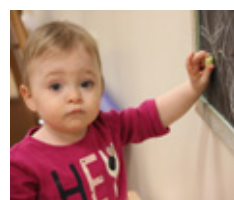
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GRACEPOINT School was founded in 2012 when two mothers stepped out in faith to provide their dyslexic children with a specialized education in a Christian setting. The school began with a mere four students and has steadily grown to an enrollment to exceed 100 students this school year. Students in grades one through eight receive a comprehensive, high quality education program that combines remediation with enrichment and acceleration. Students typically complete remediation in three to four years allowing them to transition into a more traditional educational environment. GRACEPOINT utilizes the Orton-Gillingham method, a multisensory approach woven into all subject areas. Their students receive seventy-five minutes of explicit reading instruction daily by a certified Orton-Gillingham teacher. The student/teacher ratio for reading is 5:1, while all other core subjects have a student/teacher ratio of 8:1. The mission at GRACEPOINT is to equip students with the skills needed to develop into independent and confident learners. They strive to instill a life-long desire for their students to grow in wisdom and knowledge of the Lord, so that each will fulfill God's purpose and bring Him glory. GRACEPOINT is located in an independent building on the campus of Piedmont Church in Marietta. gracepointschool.org. 678-709-6634.



Greater Atlanta Christian School

At Greater Atlanta Christian School, deep Christian faith and deep academic inquiry are fostered in equal measure. The committed and skilled faculty, each one an Apple certified educator, ensure strong scholarly foundations within a curriculum infused with project-based learning and the best of educational technology. They invite students to research and wrestle with real-world problems and bring their gifts of leadership and insight to shape potential solutions. Worldwide mission opportunities, as well as service opportunities closer to home, ensure students understand the global context and its inherent complexities.

GAC offers award-winning drama, dance, and music – and an instrumental music program featuring ensembles that travel the world. The championship-caliber athletic program is guided by coaches who understand building character is far more important than the score at the end of the game. Learn more about GAC at an upcoming Open House event: January 17 and February 28. Please call Admissions Director Mary Helen Bryant at 770-243-2274 or email mbryant@greateratlantachristian.org to schedule a visit.



Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School is Atlanta's only comprehensive Episcopal school, with 1,376 students ages 3 years old through 12th grade. On its 43-acre campus, HIES has a stand-alone Primary School, Lower School, Middle School and Upper School, as well as a Fine Arts Building, two modern gymnasiums and four expansive athletic fields.

And the campus flagship building – a new, state-of-the-art, three-story STEM Building – includes a robotics lab, greenhouse and cutting-edge broadcast studio.

The HIES college-prep curriculum challenges students, encourages collaboration and inspires creative thinking. Course offerings include acclaimed reading and writing programs, foreign language classes for all ages, hands-on science programs, robotics, engineering, film and TV production classes and the Program for Global Citizenship.

Students can discover their artist within at HIES, and the school has a proud athletic tradition, with many regional and state championships.

The HIES campus is located just north of Atlanta's Chastain Park and inside the Perimeter. For more information, visit hies.org



Holy Spirit Preparatory School

Holy Spirit Preparatory School is a remarkable institution among the many independent schools in the Atlanta market. The young, accomplished school is one of the few independent Catholic schools in the Atlanta metro area. It serves students from 6 months all the way through 12th grade, so is perfect for families. Its high school keeps getting named one of the top Catholic high schools in the country by the Catholic Education Honor Roll.

Their AP scores are way above state and national averages (in the hardest AP tests, like Chemistry and Calculus, their students average over a 4 out of 5, which is incredible), and their alumni get accepted to Ivy League schools, military academies, top 25 schools, and universities across the world.

But, really, it's all about fit. Because they maintain a smaller enrollment than most independent schools, they find the right place for each student - channeling them to the right club, the right gifted classes, the right team - and the right college fit after HSP. This school is all about personalized learning, small class sizes, and forming students in "mind, body, and soul" in a family of faith and learning. For more information, you can visit www.holyspiritprep.org or call or text them at 678-761-7992.



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Master's Academy Arts & Academics

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Master's Arts meets on Mondays and offers arts classes for preK through 12th grade. Elementary students cycle through historical time periods and creatively learn history, music, drama, and visual art. Middle school and high school classes are technique driven giving instruction in drama, music, and art. Master's Extras, offered Monday mornings, includes chorus, art club, drama club, and private music lessons. Middle and high school students may audition for drama company, which puts on two full-scale productions a year.

Master's Academics meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays offering classes in language arts, math, Bible, science, history, and Spanish for grades preK through high school. Master's Academy focuses on creative learning approaches to engage students. Parents receive home assignments for students through an online system to complete on days not in school.

For more information call 770-364-3774 or visit mariettamastersacademy.com.

McGinnis Woods Country Day School

McGinnis Woods Country Day School is a private, non-parochial school offering a rich Preschool, Elementary and Middle School Education. The beautiful school campus is located in Alpharetta on the border of Forsyth and North Fulton counties. The Preschool accepts children as young as 6 weeks old and the Elementary and Middle School teach students in PreK 4 through 8th grade. McGinnis Woods Country Day School is GAC, SACS, and NAEYC accredited. It is also a member of the Georgia Independent School Association.



The mission of McGinnis Woods is to inspire students with the passion to excel. This is accomplished by providing superior hands-on, minds-on academics and inspiring a lifelong love of learning. Classes with low student-teacher ratios, provide for frequent one-to-one learning. The students learn through a variety of groupings including class lessons, small group activities, hands-on STEM activities and "buddy" classes which encourage multi-age groupings. Frequent guest speakers, monthly field trips, character education, and community service round out the challenging curriculum. Drama Club, Competitive Sports and Robotics teams train year round. After school programs and Discovery Clubs are also available.

Please visit www.mcginiswoods.org or call 770-664-7764 to set up a tour at 5380 Faircroft Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Experience the McGinnis Woods difference!

Midtown International School

At Midtown International School, diverse and inquisitive students in grades K-10 (and growing!) yearn to engage in a world bigger and infinitely more complex than themselves. Through world languages and course-embedded travel,



students quench their thirst for connecting intellectual, cultural, political, and artistic experiences. It is the unique combination of gifted education and global learning that sets the school apart. MIS is a school for ambitious, accelerated learners; the students thrive in settings where personal interaction drives breakthroughs, where challenge ignites creativity and invention, and where problem-based learning leads to the next exciting discovery. So what happens in a school designed for such curious, globally minded learners? No one waits to learn. With writing labs for dissecting writing, computer science instruction, diverse after school programs, competitive and award winning robotics, and the focus on moving every child forward, MIS has created an environment where students take ownership of their learning. Call 404-542-7003 or email admissions@midtowninternationalschool.com to schedule a tour!

Montessori School at Emory

Montessori School at Emory was founded over 22 years ago becoming accredited as a Montessori School in 1993. With over 175 students, from 15 months through 14 years, the Montessori School at Emory supports the whole child and prepares them for life through accredited, authentic quality Montessori programs. Children are given one-on-one instruction from their teacher which creates an individualized program that engages their interests and skill levels.



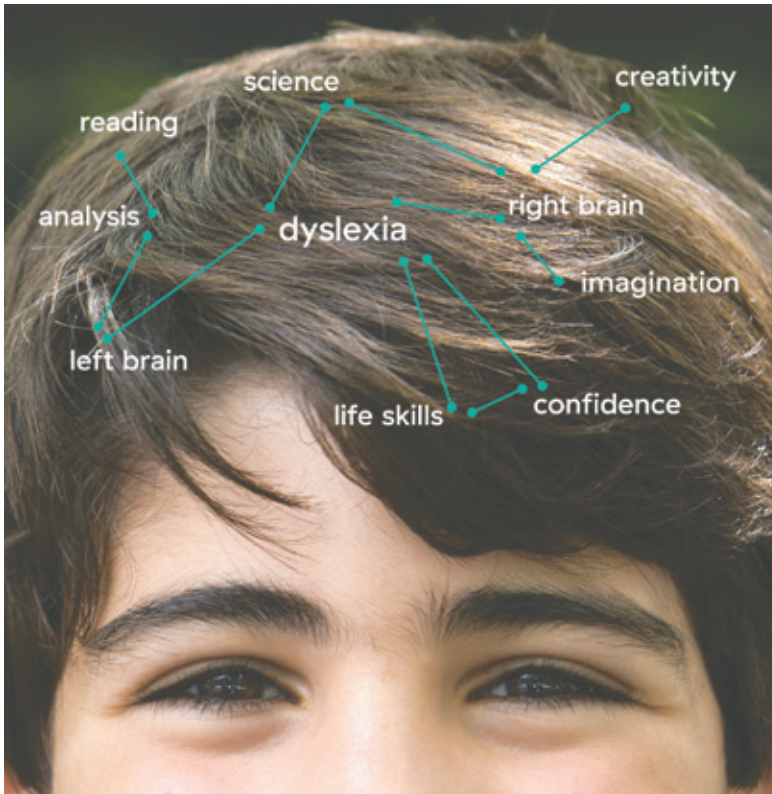
Montessori School at Emory offers several options. Full day, half day, 10 month or year round formats are available. Afternoon enrichment programs are also offered from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., in which children enjoy experiences in the creative arts and sciences such as music, art and foreign language. Also, early morning drop-off is available at 7 a.m. For more information about the Montessori School at Emory, call 404-634-5777 or visit www.MontessoriSchoolatEmory.com.



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Mount Vernon Presbyterian School

Established in 1972 and located in Sandy Springs, Georgia, Mount Vernon inspires innovation in Preschool through grade 12. Leading the national conversation around K-12 integration of design thinking, students collaborate through research, experiment with results, and ultimately produce prototypes to impact the world. We are dedicated to creating a learning environment that equips all students to be college ready, globally competitive and engaged citizen leaders.



MVPS amplifies the skills needed to engage in real-world, people-centered problem solving through design thinking and project based learning. Mount Vernon's Innovation Diploma offers an extraordinary opportunity for Upper School students in grades 9-12 to become lead designers of their own learning. Students who earn the Innovation Diploma observe, question, empathize, experiment, and lead as they implement solutions to human-centered issues.

As a partner of Stanford's d.School, Mount Vernon launched its Mount Vernon Institute for Innovation (MVIFI) in 2010, a research and design arm of the School. Students are constantly exposed to and encouraged to interact with experts in local, national and global communities to design a better world. Visit mvadmissions.youcanbook.me to schedule your tour today.

Pace Academy

In 1958, an interfaith group of community leaders envisioned a learning environment open to fresh ideas and debate. Pace Academy today is exactly what its founders had in mind.

With 1,115 students in Pre-First through 12th grade, Pace strives to create prepared, confident citizens of the world. Student-teacher relationships are at the heart of the Pace experience, so the school maintains a student-teacher ratio of 9:1 and an average class size of 12.



Pace develops children's passions and strengths through academics, athletics and the arts, while providing global perspectives in the classroom and an integrated experience after the bell rings.

Through the Isdell Center for Global Leadership (ICGL), Pace students come to view the world through a global lens. The ICGL builds on an innovative academic curriculum and explores an annual, school-wide theme. Curricular and co-curricular activities, scholars in residence, fellowships, internships and international study tours support education around these themes.

Through the ICGL, Pace students, guided by an outstanding faculty, develop a deep understanding of the world and the people around them. Pace graduates want to be successful and realize that true success means making a difference.

For program information, visit www.paceacademy.org.

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School is located on a beautiful wooded campus in Decatur and is a part of the Archdiocese of Atlanta with a diverse student body and current enrollment of 119 in grades Pre-K to eight. The school is fully accredited by and meets all standards of the Advanced Accreditation Commission. SPC is a 2017-2018 National Beta School of Distinction and has a proud tradition that reaches back to 1961 when its doors opened as a parish school. In 2001, the school was re-dedicated and named St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School and today welcomes students from eight metro Atlanta parishes.



All classrooms are outfitted with computers where a Blended Learning approach supports technology, project-based learning, Spanish and the Arts. In addition to a challenging curriculum, students have access to extra-curricular activities, field-trips and participate in service projects.

Christ's Love is foundational at St. Peter Claver where students strive to live out its mission to "learn, lead, inspire, and serve in local and global communities through Catholic teachings rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rigorous academics, and spiritual formation." Visit spc-school.org to learn more or call 404-241-3063 to schedule a tour.

The Waldorf School of Atlanta

Childhood First. Celebrating more than 30 years, The Waldorf School of Atlanta offers a revolutionary notion – that in the midst of a high-speed world, children need schools where childhood is appreciated and allowed to unfold naturally.



The school nurtures within students the will to become life-long learners by fostering their ability to think with clarity, feel with compassion, and act with purpose in the world.

The Waldorf curriculum is rich in every branch of academics and enlivened with the arts and practical skills. As such, it honors children at each stage of their development, nurturing their current capacities and preparing them for new learning to come.

Located in Decatur, with a satellite location in Inman Park, The Waldorf School of Atlanta serves children from ages 2 through 8th grade. Aligned with the ideals of Waldorf education – a century-old approach to learning, carried on by 1,200 schools worldwide – The Waldorf School invites you to learn more at www.waldorfatlanta.org



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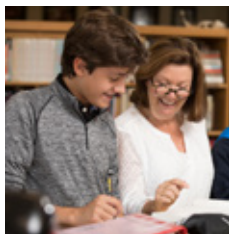
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Westminster

Westminster is a coeducational Christian, independent school which seeks to serve students who are bright, motivated, and curious by nurturing them through challenge. The environment develops leaders of conscience who will be a positive force in the world. The School was founded in 1951, guided by a mission to prepare students for college and for life. With an enrollment of approximately 1,870 students in grades pre-first through 12, Westminster fulfills its mission through a curriculum that engages children across the key dimensions of their growth – academic, physical, and spiritual.



The School's dynamic curricular offerings are complemented by extracurricular opportunities including unique service learning projects that partner the students with nonprofit organizations locally and abroad; a dynamic arts program that includes music, visual arts, and drama; a nationally recognized athletic program with more than 84 teams across 17 sports; and interdisciplinary global programs spanning five continents. Westminster students are encouraged to deeply investigate and explore their passions under the guidance of gifted faculty.

Learn more about Westminster's academics, faculty, and extracurricular activities, or find more information about the admissions process at westminster.net.

Woodward Academy

At Woodward Academy, one size doesn't fit even two. From pre-K through 12th grade, Woodward is a place where your child can study Gauguin and golf, Copernicus and coding, rhetoric and robotics—all in one day.

With 2,700 students on two campuses spanning 133 acres, yet a student-teacher ratio of just 7:1, Woodward has the resources and opportunities of a college but the intimacy and attention of home. It's about creating your own path within a truly diverse community under the guidance of caring faculty, coaches, counselors, mentors, and advisors – all while cultivating strong character and a deep respect for difference.



At Woodward, we challenge our students to explore new academic frontiers and reach their fullest potential. What does success look like? Look no further than our 25 AP classes, renowned Transition Program for students with mild learning differences, 86 student clubs, 75 yearly arts performances, and 18 varsity sports. Our Global Connections Program offers extensive international study abroad programs, and our innovative STEM programs are woven into the curriculum every step of the way. A typical Woodward Academy graduating class attends more than 100 different colleges and universities, devotes 5,000 hours to community service, and earns more than \$15 million in scholarship awards.

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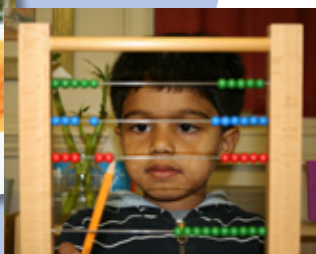


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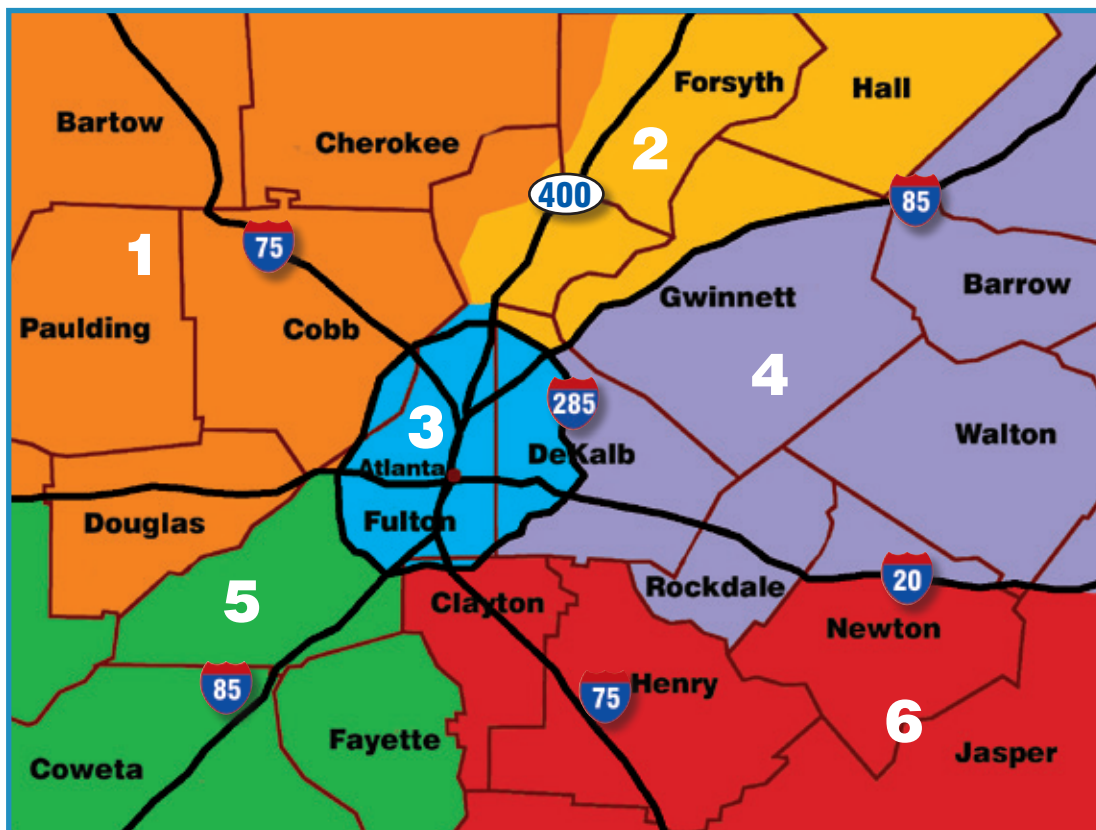
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Private Schools At-A-Glance

Our comprehensive directory of private schools in metro Atlanta lists schools that have 150 students or more. Montessori schools have 100 students or more, while special needs schools may have smaller enrollments. To be included, schools must go at least through third grade. Our advertisers are also included.



This map has been divided into color-coded zones. In our directory, each school listing has a corresponding color to help you easily locate private schools in relation to your neighborhood. Schools are listed alphabetically.

Region	Location/Neighborhoods
1	Acworth, Austell, Canton, Cartersville, Douglasville, Kennesaw, Lithia Springs, Mableton, Marietta, Powder Springs, Smyrna, Woodstock
2	Alpharetta, Cumming, Duluth, Gainesville, Johns Creek, Milton, Norcross, Roswell
3	Atlanta, Buckhead, Chamblee, Doraville, Dunwoody, Midtown, Sandy Springs, Vinings

Region	Location/Neighborhoods
4	Auburn, Buford, Conyers, Covington, Dacula, Decatur, Gainesville, Grayson, Hoschton, Lawrenceville, Lilburn, Lithonia, Loganville, Monroe, Norcross, Snellville, Stone Mountain, Sugar Hill, Tucker
5	College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Fayetteville, Hapeville, Newnan, Peachtree City, Sharpsburg, Tyrone
6	Forest Park, Griffin, Hampton, Jonesboro, Locust Grove, Lovejoy, McDonough, Monticello, Morrow, Riverdale, Stockbridge

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School Information	Zone	Phone	Ages/Grades	Students	Annual Tuition	Affiliation	
Academe of the Oaks 146 New St., Decatur (DeKalb) academeatlanta.org	4	404-405-2173	9th-12th	94	\$17,850/yr.		
Alexsander Academy 1090 Powers Place, Alpharetta (Fulton) alexsanderacademy.org	2	770-777-0475	1st-12th	30	\$9,000-\$19,000/yr.	Learning differences	
Alpharetta Christian Academy 44 Academy St., Alpharetta (Fulton) alpharettachristianacademy.com	2	770-475-5762	18mos.-6th	350	\$10,000/yr.	Baptist	
Annunciation Day School 2500 Clairmont Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) annunciationdayschool.org	3	404-565-2850	18mos.-8th	120	\$1,985-\$9,923/yr.	Christian	
Arbor Montessori School 2998 Lavista Rd., and 1434 Scott Blvd., Decatur (DeKalb) arbormontessori.org	4	404-321-9304	18mos.-14yrs.	270	\$9,800-\$19,100/yr.	Montessori	
Arlington Christian School 4500 Ridge Rd., Fairburn (Fulton) arlingtonchristian.org	5	770-964-9871	K4-12th	225	\$6,275-\$9,625/yr.	Christian	
The Atlanta Academy 2000 Holcomb Woods Pkwy., Roswell (Fulton) atlantaacademy.com	2	678-461-6102	6wks.-8th	300	\$9,800-\$21,500/yr.	non-denominational Christian	
Atlanta Girls' School 3254 Northside Pkwy., Atlanta (Fulton) atlantagirlsschool.org	3	404-845-0900	6th-12th	260	\$23,330/yr.		
Atlanta International School 2890 N. Fulton Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) aischool.org	3	404-841-3840	K3-12th	1221	\$21,958-\$25,066/yr.		
Atlanta Jewish Academy 5200 Northland Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) atljewishacademy.org	3	404-843-9900	6wks.-12th	450	\$16,000-\$24,000/yr.	Jewish	
Atlanta Montessori International School 1970 Cliff Valley Way NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) amischool.com	3	404-325-6777	8wks.-15yrs.	250	\$11,000-\$17,000/yr.	Montessori	
Atlanta Speech School 3160 Northside Pkwy., Atlanta (Fulton) atlantaspeechschool.org	3	404-233-5332	6wks.-6th	354	\$14,263-\$36,004/yr.	Learning disabilities, special needs	
Bedford School 5665 Milam Rd., Fairburn (Fulton) thebedfordschool.org	5	770-774-8001	1st-9th	152	\$19,250/yr.	Learning disabilities	
Bible Baptist Christian School 2780 Mount Carmel Rd., Hampton (Henry) biblebaptistministries.com	6	770-946-4700	K4-12th	158	\$3,682-\$6,777/yr.	Baptist	
Blessed Trinity Catholic High School 11320 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) btcatholic.org	2	678-277-9083	9th-12th	1000	\$12,500/yr.	Catholic	
Brandon Hall School 1701 Brandon Hall Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) brandonhall.org	2	770-394-8177	6th-12th	170	\$27,000/yr.		
Bridgeway Christian Academy 4755 Kimball Bridge Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) bridgewayca.org	2	770-751-1972	K3-8th	170	\$2,940-\$11,375/yr.	Christian	
Brookwood Christian School 4728 Wood St., Acworth (Cobb) brookwoodchristian.com	1	678-401-5855	1st-12th	60	\$17,000/yr.	Learning Disabilities/ Christian	

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Cambridge Academy 2780 Flat Shoals Rd., Decatur (DeKalb) acambridgeacademy.org	4	404-241-1321	2yrs.-8th	225	\$8,000-\$9,500/yr.	
Casa Montessori 150 Powers Ferry Rd., Marietta (Cobb) casamontessori.com	1	770-973-2731	18mos.-6th	150	\$9,100-\$11,000/yr.	Montessori
Center Academy 3499 South Cobb Dr., Smyrna (Cobb) centeracademy.com	1	770-333-1616	4th-12th	60	\$16,295/yr.	Learning disabilities
Cherokee Christian Academy and Cherokee Christian High School 3075 Trickum Rd., Woodstock (Cherokee) cherokeechristian.org	1	678-494-5464	K5-12th	402	\$10,400-\$13,200/yr.	non-denominational Christian
The Children's School 345 Tenth St. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) tcsatl.org	3	404-873-6985	3yrs.-8th	375	\$13,500-\$21,990/yr.	
Christ the King School 46 Peachtree Way, Atlanta (Fulton) christking.org	3	404-233-0383	K-8th	554	\$9,000-\$12,390/yr.	Catholic
Cliff Valley School 2426 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) cliffvalley.org	3	678-302-1302	3yrs.-8th	345	\$17,290-\$18,270/yr.	
Community Christian School 2001 West Jodeco Rd., Stockbridge (Henry) communitychristianschool.net	6	678-432-0191	6wks.-12th	800	\$4,800-\$8,900/yr.	Christian
Cornerstone Christian Academy 5295 Triangle Pkwy. NW, Peachtree Corners (Gwinnett) cornerstonecougars.org	2	770-441-9222	K-8th	330	\$10,075-\$12,826/yr.	Christian
Cornerstone Schools 4888 Browns Bridge Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) cornerstonesch.com	2	770-205-8202	PreK-12th	350	\$8,000-\$11,000/yr.	
The Cottage School 700 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell (Fulton) cottageschool.org	2	770-641-8688	4th-12th	165	\$24,200-\$24,950/yr.	Learning differences
Counterpane Montessori 839 Highway 314, Fayetteville (Fayette) counterpane.org	5	770-461-2304	3yrs.-12th	100	\$13,000/yr.	Montessori
Covenant Christian Academy 6905 Post Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) covenantrams.org	2	770-674-2990	K4-12th	265	\$7,500-\$8,100/yr.	Christian
Covenant Christian Academy 3425 Loganville Hwy. SW, Loganville (Gwinnett) covenant-cougars.org	4	770-466-7890	K3-12th	200	\$7,050-\$8,150/yr.	Christian
Covenant Christian School 3130 Atlanta Rd., Smyrna (Cobb) ccssmyrna.org	1	770-435-1596	K4-8th	191	\$5,000-\$9,000/yr.	Christian
Covered Bridge Montessori School 488 Hurt Rd., Smyrna (Cobb) coveredbridgemontessori.com	1	770-801-8292	14mos.-4th	100	\$7,050-\$8,150/yr.	Montessori
Crabapple Montessori School 12387 Crabapple Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) crabapplemontessori.com	2	770-569-5200	18mos.-12yrs.	160	\$7,000-\$12,000/yr.	Montessori
Creekside Christian Academy 175 Foster Dr., McDonough (Henry) creeksideacademy.org	6	770-961-9300	K3-12th	812	\$5,150-\$6,250/yr.	Christian
Cumberland Academy of Georgia 650-A Mt. Vernon Hwy. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) cumberlandacademy.org	3	404-835-9000	4th-12th, post grad. Program	100	\$23,400/yr.	Asperger, high-functioning Autism

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Cumberland Christian Academy 2356 Clay Rd., Austell (Cobb) cumberlandchristian.org	1	678-426-1600	PreK3-12th	447	\$3,890-\$8,300/yr.	Christian
The Davis Academy 8105 Roberts Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) davisacademy.org	2	770-671-0085	Kprep-8th	550	\$18,503-\$24,067/yr.	Jewish
The Duluth Montessori School 2997 Main St., Duluth (Gwinnett) duluthmontessori.com	2	770-476-9307	14mos.-15yrs.	140	\$8,664-\$11,205/yr.	Montessori
Eagle's Landing Christian Academy 2400 Hwy. 42 North, McDonough (Henry) elcaonline.org	6	770-957-2927	K3-12th	1100	\$3,756- \$12,888/yr.	Christian
Eastside Christian School 2450 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta (Cobb) eastsidechristianschool.com	1	770-971-2332	K-8th	300	\$6,310-\$8,910/yr.	Christian
Eaton Academy 1000 Old Roswell Lakes Pkwy., Roswell (Fulton) eatonacademy.org	2	770-645-2673	K-12th	150	\$12,000-\$22,000/yr.	
The Epstein School 335 Colewood Way NW, Sandy Springs (Fulton) epsteinatlanta.org	3	404-250-5600	18mos.-8th	450	\$6,995-\$22,850/yr.	Jewish
Excel Christian Academy 325 Old Mill Rd., Cartersville (Bartow) excelca.org	1	770-382-9488	K-12th	217	\$6,000-\$9,000/yr.	Christian
Faith Lutheran School 2111 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta (Cobb) faithmarietta.org	1	770-973-8921	15mos.-8th	200	\$5,000-\$8,500/yr.	Lutheran
Fellowship Christian School 10965 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) fellowshipchristianschool.org	2	770-993-1650	PreK-12th	860	\$3,789-\$16,635/yr.	Christian
Foundations for the Future 1500 Stanley Rd., Kennesaw (Cobb) foundationsschool.com	1	770-429-4799	6wks.-6th	202	\$7,200-\$9,800/yr.	
The Friends School of Atlanta 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur (DeKalb) friendsschoolatlanta.org	3	404-373-8746	3yrs.-8th	167	\$13,400-\$21,200/yr.	Quaker
Fulton Science Academy 3035 Fanfare Way, Alpharetta (Fulton) fultonscienceacademy.org	2	678-366-2555	PreK-12th	510	\$12,500-\$13,250/yr.	
Galloway School 215 W. Wieuca Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) gallowayschool.org	3	404-252-8389	3yrs.-12th	750	\$16,520-\$26,999/yr.	
George Walton Academy 1 Bulldog Dr., Monroe (Walton) gwa.com	4	770-267-7578	K4-12th	775	\$4,600-\$12,000/yr.	Judeo-Christian
Grace Christian Academy 355 McDonough Rd., Fayetteville (Fayette) gracechristian.info	5	770-461-0137	K3-12th	189	\$4,765-\$6,706/yr.	Christian
GRACEPOINT School 570 Piedmont Rd., Marietta (Cobb) gracepointschool.org	1	678-709-6634	1st-8th	110	\$20,500/yr.	Dyslexia/Christian
Greater Atlanta Christian School 1575 Indian Trail Rd., Norcross (Gwinnett) greateratlantachristian.org	4	770-243-2000	K3-12th	1700	\$14,100-\$20,900/yr.	Christian
Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academic Center 3250 Rainbow Dr., Decatur (DeKalb) greenforestacademy.org	3	404-486-6737	K-12th	223	\$6,790-\$8,390/yr.	Baptist
Harbour Oaks Montessori 1741 Athens Hwy., Grayson (Gwinnett) harbouroaks.org	4	770-979-8900	18mos.-12th	130	\$7,000-\$9,800/yr.	Montessori

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Harvester Christian Academy 4241 Central Church Rd., Douglasville (Douglas) harvesteracademy.com	1	770-942-1583	K4-12th	330	\$4,720-\$8,075/yr.	Christian
Heart of Hope Academy at the Elaine Clark Center 5130 Peachtree Ind. Blvd., Chamblee (DeKalb) elaineclarkcenter.org	3	770-458-3251	6yrs.-22yrs.	20	\$18,000/yr.	Special Needs
Hebron Christian Academy 2975 Old Peachtree Rd., and 775 Dacula Rd., Dacula (Gwinnett) hebronlions.org	4	770-963-9250	K-12th	900	\$9,000-\$11,000/yr.	Christian
Heritage Preparatory School 1700 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta (Fulton) heritageprep.org	3	404-815-7711	PreK-8th	140	\$5,300-\$15,750/yr.	Christian
The Heritage School 2093 Hwy. 29 N, Newnan (Coweta) heritageschool.com	5	770-253-9898	3yrs.-12th	450	\$5,125-\$16,600/yr.	
High Meadows School 1055 Willeo Rd., Roswell (Fulton) highmeadows.org	2	770-993-2940	3yrs.-8th	400	\$6,300-\$18,750/yr.	
Holy Innocents' Episcopal School 805 Mt. Vernon Hwy. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) hies.org	3	404-255-4026	3yrs.-12th	1375	\$10,540-\$26,670/yr.	Episcopalian
Holy Redeemer Catholic School 3380 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) hrcatholicsschool.org	2	770-410-4056	K-8th	476	\$8,135/yr.	Catholic
Holy Spirit Preparatory School 4465 and 4449 Northside Dr., and 4820 Long Island Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) holyspiritprep.org	3	678-761-7992	6mos.-12th	575	\$6,130-\$24,065/yr.	Catholic
Horizon Christian Academy 1270 Sawnee Dr., Cumming (Forsyth) hcaga.org	2	678-947-0711	K-12th	230	\$9,450-\$10,650/yr.	Christian
The Howard School 1192 Foster St., Atlanta (Fulton) howardschool.org	3	404-377-7436	K-12th	270	\$31,180-\$32,720/yr.	Learning disabilities
Immaculate Heart of Mary 2855 Briarcliff Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) ihmschool.org	3	404-636-4488	K-8th	500	\$7,570-\$10,060/yr.	Catholic
Intown Community School 2059 Lavista Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) intownschool.org	3	404-633-8081	K-8th	245	\$6,400-\$10,000/yr.	Christian
Ivy League Montessori School 1791 Kelly Mill Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) ilmsnet.com	2	770-781-5586	18mos.-12yrs.	100	\$165-\$890/mo.	Montessori
Jacob's Ladder Neurodevelopmental School and Therapy Center 407 Hardscrabble Rd., Roswell (Fulton) jacobsaddercenter.com	2	770-998-1017	PreK-12th	110	\$33,500/yr	Special needs
Joseph Sams School 280 Brandywine Blvd., Fayetteville (Fayette) josephsamsschool.org	5	770-461-5894	Newborn-22yrs.	80	\$9,100-\$21,200/yr.	Special needs
Killian Hill Christian School 151 Arcado Rd., Lilburn (Gwinnett) khcs.org	4	770-921-3224	K4-12th	370	\$6,125-\$11,550/yr.	Baptist
King's Ridge Christian School 2765 Bethany Bend, Alpharetta (Fulton) kingsridgecs.org	2	770-754-5738	PreK-12th	850	\$6,500-\$19,525/yr.	Christian
Lakeview Academy 796 Lakeview Dr., Gainesville (Hall) lakeviewacademy.com	2	770-532-4383	PreK3-12th	575	\$8,712-\$16,885/yr.	

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Landmark Christian School 777 Robinson Rd., Peachtree City (Fayette); 50 SE Broad St., Fairburn (Fulton) landmarkchristianschool.org	5	770-306-0647	K4-12th	805	\$4,900-\$15,375/yr.	Christian
Loganville Christian Academy 2575 Hwy. 81, Loganville (Walton) lcalions.com	4	770-554-9888	PreK-12th	520	\$3,500-\$9,400/yr.	Christian
Lovett School 4075 Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) lovett.org	3	404-262-3032	K-12th	1670	\$23,430-\$27,720/yr.	
Marist School 3790 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) marist.com	3	770-457-7201	7th-12th	1100	\$18,930/yr.	Catholic
Masters Academy Arts & Academics 770 Kennesaw Ave., Marietta (Cobb) marietamastersacademy.com	1	770-364-3774	PreK-12th	150	\$800-\$4,000/yr.	
McGinnis Woods Country Day School 5380 Faircroft Dr., Alpharetta (Forsyth) mcginniswoods.org	2	770-664-7764	6wks.-8th	400	\$9,150-\$12,600/yr.	
MDE School 1517 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta (Cobb) mdeschool.com	1	770-971-4633	K-8th	45	\$19,000/yr.	Autism, sensory processing and communications disorders
Midtown International School 1575 Sheridan Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) midtowninternationalschool.com	3	404-542-7003	K-10th	224	\$18,100-\$19,200/yr.	
Midway Covenant Christian School 4635 Dallas Hwy., Powder Springs (Cobb) midwayschool.org	1	770-590-1866	K3-8th	300	\$1,600-\$6,900/yr.	Christian
Mill Springs Academy 13660 New Providence Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) millsprings.org	2	770-360-1336	1st-12th	290	\$23,958/yr.	Learning disabilities
Montessori Academy at Sharon Springs 2830 Old Atlanta Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) montessoriacademygeorgia.com	2	770-205-6277	6wks.-18yrs.	220	\$8,000-\$12,000/yr.	Montessori
Montessori Academy at Vickery 6285 Post Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) montessorivickery.com	2	770-777-9131	18mos. - 9yrs.	154	\$8,000-\$12,000/yr.	Montessori
Montessori In Town 678 Moreland Ave., Atlanta (Fulton) montessoriintown.com	3	404-784-1038	14mos.-12yrs.	120	\$9,300-\$12,100/yr.	Montessori
Montessori Scholars Academy 13100 Morris Rd., Milton (Fulton) montessorischolars.com	2	770-754-0777	6mos.-12yrs.	110	\$500-\$1,275/mo.	Montessori
Montessori School at Emory 3021 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur (DeKalb) montessorischoolofdecatur.com	3	404-634-5777	15mos.-14yrs.	190	\$965-\$1,595/mo.	Montessori
Montessori School of Cumming 4601 Post Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) montessorischoolofcumming.com	2	770-205-6773	15mos-12yrs.	66	\$4,450-\$10,700/yr.	Montessori
Mount Paran Christian School 1275 Stanley Rd., Kennesaw (Cobb) mtparanschool.com	1	770-578-0182	K3-12th	1100	\$3,500-\$17,900/yr.	Christian
Mount Pisgah Christian School 9820 Nesbit Ferry Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) mountpisgahschool.org	2	678-336-3400	6wks.-12th	900	\$14,950-\$19,995/yr.	Christian
Mount Vernon Presbyterian School 471 and 510 Mt. Vernon Hwy. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) mountvernonschool.org	3	404-252-3448	6wks.-12th	936	\$8,235-\$22,195/yr.	Presbyterian

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Mt. Bethel Christian Academy 4385 Lower Roswell Rd., and 2509 Post Oak Tritt Rd., Marietta (Cobb) mtbethelchristian.org	1	770-971-0245	PreK-12th	650	\$9,950-\$14,430/yr.	Methodist
North Cobb Christian School 4500 Eagle Dr., Kennesaw (Cobb) ncchristian.org	1	770-975-0252	K3-12th	915	\$4,600-\$14,725/yr.	Christian
Notre Dame Academy 4635 River Green Pkwy., Duluth (Gwinnett) ndacademy.org	2	678-387-9385	PreK2-12th	580	\$4,765-\$15,455/yr.	Catholic
Oak Meadow Montessori School 2145 Collins Hill Rd., Lawrenceville (Gwinnett) oakmeadowmontessori.com	4	770-963-8303	15mos.-5th	130	\$6,000-\$9,500/yr.	Montessori
Old Peachtree Montessori 33 Hills Shop Rd., Hwy. 324, Auburn (Gwinnett) opmontessori.com	4	770-963-3052	15mos.-6th	130	\$6,600-\$11,628/yr.	Montessori
Old Suwanee Christian School 4118 Old Suwanee Rd., Buford (Gwinnett) oldsuwanee.org	4	770-945-5451	K3-12th	184	\$6,000-\$6,200/yr.	Baptist
Omni International School 3940 Cascade Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) omnischoolatl.com	5	404-865-1463	PreK2-6th	70	\$10,500-\$12,250/yr.	
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School 861 Hwy. 279, Fayetteville (Fayette) mercycatholic.org	5	770-461-2202	9th-12th	300	\$12,400/yr.	Catholic
Our Lady of the Assumption School 1320 Hearst Dr., Atlanta (DeKalb) olaschool.org	3	404-364-1902	PreK4-8th	500	\$8,500-\$10,000/yr.	Catholic
Our Lady of Victory Catholic School 211 Kirkley Rd., Tyrone (Fayette) olv Catholicschoolk-8.org	5	770-306-9026	PreK-8th	225	\$8,585/yr.	Catholic
Pace Academy 966 W. Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) paceacademy.org	3	404-262-1345	Pre1-12th	1115	\$23,630-\$27,225/yr.	
The Paideia School 1509 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta (DeKalb) paideiaschool.org	3	404-377-3491	3yrs.-12th	1005	\$13,143-\$24,084/yr.	
Peachtree Academy Private School 1801 Ellington Rd., 1760 Ebenezer Rd., Conyers (Rockdale); 10125 Hwy. 14, and 14101 Hwy. 278, Covington (Newton) peachtreeacademy.com	6	770-860-8900	6wks.-12th	700	\$5,500-\$7,500/yr.	
Peoples Baptist Academy 850 Mill Rd., McDonough (Henry) peoplesbaptistacademy.org	6	770-914-7388	K3-12th	215	\$5,750-\$6,650/yr.	Baptist
Perimeter School 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) perimeterschool.org	2	678-405-2300	K-8th	525	\$5,466-\$11,643/yr.	Christian
Piedmont Academy 126 Hwy. 212 West, Monticello (Jasper) piedmontacademy.com	6	706-468-8818	K3-12th	250	\$5,100-\$7,330/yr.	
Pinecrest Academy 955 Peachtree Pkwy., Cumming (Forsyth) pinecrestacademy.org	2	770-888-4477	PreK3-12th	785	\$9,250-\$16,750/yr.	Catholic
Porter Academy 200 Cox Rd., Roswell (Fulton) porteracademy.org	2	770-594-1313	4yrs.-14yrs.	68	\$19,923/yr.	Speech and language, occupational therapy
Providence Christian Academy 4575 Lawrenceville Hwy., Lilburn (Gwinnett) providencechristianacademy.org	4	770-279-7200	K-12th	700	\$8,400-\$16,710/yr.	Christian

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Queen of Angels Catholic School 11340 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) qaschool.org	2	770-518-1804	K-8th	504	\$8,200/yr.	Catholic
Rivers Academy 38 North Main St., Alpharetta (Fulton); 1934 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta (DeKalb) riversacademy.com	2 3	Alph: 770-475-0081, Atl: 404-458-5160	4th-12th	300	\$8,900-\$9,500/yr.	
Riverstone Montessori 455 Casteel Rd., Marietta (Cobb) riverstonemontessori.com	1	770-422-9194	2.5yrs.-9th	120	\$9,666-\$15,723/yr.	Montessori
The SAE School 6688 Mableton Pkwy., Mableton (Cobb) SAEschool.org	1	678-239-3200	Preschool-12th	375	\$10,250-\$12,250/yr.	
Saint Francis Schools 13440 Cogburn Rd., and 9375 Willeo Rd., Alpharetta and Roswell (Fulton) saintfrancissschools.com	2	678-339-9989	K-12th	700	\$11,000-\$20,500/yr.	
The Schenck School 282 Mt. Paran Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) schenck.org	3	404-252-2591	K-6th	250	\$32,550/yr.	Dyslexia
Shiloh Hills Christian School 260 Hawkins Store Rd. NE, Kennesaw (Cobb) shilohhills.com	1	770-926-7729	K3-12th	170	\$4,000-\$8,500/yr.	Baptist
Springmont 5750 Long Island Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) springmont.com	3	404-252-3910	18mos.-8th	240	\$9,900-\$22,800/yr.	Montessori
St. Benedict's Episcopal School 2160 Cooper Lake Rd., Smyrna (Cobb) stbs.org	1	678-279-4300	Preschool-8th	498	\$7,620-\$11,630/yr.	Episcopalian
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School 1618 Ben King Rd., Kennesaw (Cobb) scsiena.org	1	770-419-8601	K-8th	389	\$7,700-\$8,245/yr.	Catholic
St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School 791 Tom Smith Rd., Lilburn (Gwinnett) sjnracs.org	4	770-381-0557	PreK-8th	250	\$7,890-\$10,290/yr.	Catholic
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School 240 Arnold St., Hapeville (Fulton) sjecs.org	3	404-767-4312	PreK-8th	315	\$7,200-\$8,600/yr.	Catholic
St. Joseph Catholic School 81 Lacy St., Marietta (Cobb) stjosephschool.org	1	770-428-3328	K-8th	480	\$6,715-\$8,730/yr.	Catholic
St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School 7171 Glenridge Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) saintjude.net	3	770-394-2880	K-8th	500	\$8,595/yr.	Catholic
St. Martin's Episcopal School 3110-A Ashford-Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) stmartinschool.org	3	404-237-4260	2yrs.-8th	600	\$11,500-\$20,600/yr.	Episcopalian
St. Paul Lutheran School 700 Ardenlee Pkwy., Peachtree City (Fayette) stpaulptc.org	5	770-486-3545	12mos.-8th	190	\$1,700-\$7,050/yr.	Lutheran
St. Pius X Catholic High School 2674 Johnson Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) spx.org	3	404-636-3023	9th-12th	1100	\$12,975/yr.	Catholic
St. Thomas Moore Catholic School 630 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur (DeKalb) stmga.org	3	404-373-8456	K-8th	482	\$7,750-\$10,665/yr.	Catholic
Strong Rock Christian School 4200 Strong Rock Pkwy., Locust Grove (Henry) strongrockchristianschool.com	6	678-833-1200	PreK3-12th	825	\$5,917-\$12,198/yr.	Christian

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Sugar Hill Christian Academy 4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd., Sugar Hill (Gwinnett) sugarhillchristian.org	4	678-745-4121	K4-10th	350	\$2,400-\$8,589/yr.	Christian
Swift School 300 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell (Fulton) theswiftschool.org	2	678-205-4988	1st-8th	235	\$26,325-\$27,250/yr.	Dyslexia and language based learning differences
Tabula Rasa Language Academy 5855 Riverside Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) and 1430 Riverside Pkwy., Lawrenceville (Gwinnett) trlanguages.com	3	404-409-0827	Preschool-5th	250	\$9,000-\$15,000/yr.	
Torah Day School of Atlanta 1985 Lavista Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) torahday.org	3	404-982-0800	K-8th	325	\$12,000-\$14,000/yr.	Jewish
Trinity School 4301 Northside Pkwy., Atlanta (Fulton) trinityatl.org	3	404-231-8100	3yrs.-6th	612	\$17,250-\$24,450/yr.	
Village Montessori 1610 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) vmschool.com	2	770-552-0834	18mos.-8th	150	\$5,100-\$14,000/yr.	Montessori
The Waldorf School of Atlanta 827 Kirk Rd., Decatur (DeKalb) waldorfatlanta.org	3	404-377-1315	2yrs.-8th	250	\$3,745-\$16,075/yr.	
The Walker School 700 Cobb Pkwy., Marietta (Cobb) thewalkerschool.org	1	770-427-2689	3yrs.-12th	925	\$12,000-\$21,790/yr.	
The Weber School 6751 Roswell Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) weberschool.org	3	404-917-2500	9th-12th	238	\$26,700/yr.	Transdenominational/ Jewish
Wesleyan School 5405 Spalding Dr., Peachtree Corners (Gwinnett) wesleyanschool.org	2	770-448-7640	K-12th	1159	\$16,700-\$22,210/yr.	Christian
Westminster 1424 W. Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) westminster.net	3	404-355-8673	Pre1st-12th	1874	\$24,220-\$28,090/yr.	Christian
Whitefield Academy 1 Whitefield Dr., Mableton (Cobb) whitefieldacademy.com	1	678-305-3000	PreK4-12th	810	\$10,350-\$22,620/yr.	Christian
The Wood Acres School 1772 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta (Cobb) woodacresschool.org	1	770-971-1880	2yrs.-8th	500	\$4,500-\$12,400/yr.	
Woodward Academy 1662 Rugby Ave., College Park (Fulton) woodward.edu	3	404-765-4001	PreK-12th	2668	\$17,600-\$27,750/yr.	



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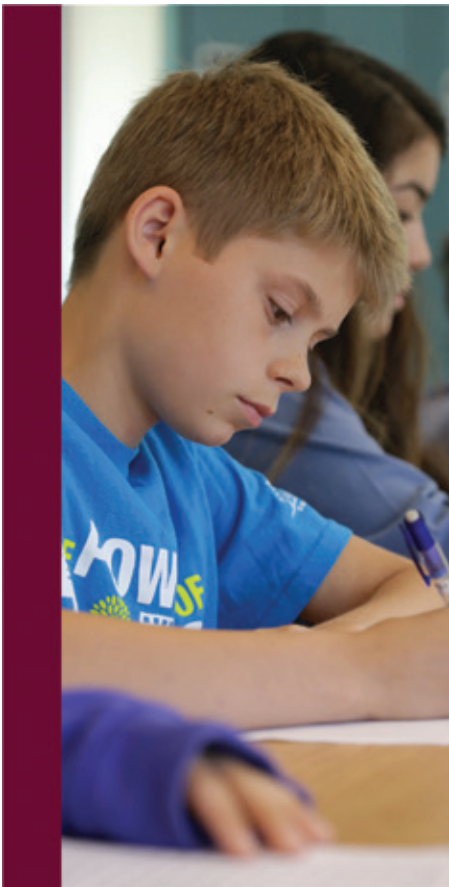
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Public School Profiles

A snapshot of school districts in metro Atlanta

Atlanta Public Schools

404-802-3500

www.atlantapublicschools.us

Atlanta Public Schools is the sixth largest school system in Georgia with 51,927 students. There are 4,023 teachers, of which 34 percent have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 92 learning sites and programs; 45 elementary; 11 middle; 12 high schools; 5 alternative schools; 17 charter schools.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Kindergarten, 25 to 1; Grades 1-3, 26 to 1; Grades 4-5, 33 to 1; Middle, 33 to 1; High, 33 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$12,585

Bartow County School System

770-606-5800

www.bartow.k12.ga.us

There are approximately 13,100 students attending Bartow County's 20 schools (K-12), with 68 percent of 1,014 PSC certified teachers holding advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 12 elementary; 4 middle; 3 high schools; 1 college and career academy

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 18 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,500

Buford City Schools

770-945-5035

www.bufordcityschools.org

There are 4,800 students enrolled in Buford City Schools. 80 percent of the 307 teachers have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 2 elementary; 1 middle; 1 high school.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 16 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,621

Cherokee County School District

770-479-1871

www.cherokee12.net

CCSD has 42,200 students attending 41 schools and centers. There are 2,600 teachers in CCSD, of which 70 percent have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 24 elementary; 7 middle; 6 high schools; 3 alternative centers; 3 preschool centers

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 16 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,694



Henry County Schools

Clayton County Public Schools

770-473-2700

www.clayton.k12.ga.us

Clayton County has the fifth largest school system in Georgia with approximately 54,600 students. Of the district's 3,482 teachers, 63 percent have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 37 primary/elementary; 14 middle; 11 high schools; 4 educational programs; 1 alternative education center; 3 psychological education centers; 1 multi-purpose education center; included are: 3 magnet schools; 2 magnet programs; 1 state-certified STEM program.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 15.7 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,772

Cobb County School District

770-426-3300

www.cobbk12.org

Cobb County has 112,084 students attending 112 schools. There are 9,037 certified employees with 37 percent having advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 67 elementary; 25 middle; 16 high schools; 1 special education center; 1 adult education center;

2 virtual academies; 1 performance learning center, 1 international welcome center, 1 independent charter school.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Varies by school. Meets or is lower than state mandated numbers.

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,961

Coweta County School System

770-254-2800

www.cowetaschools.net

Coweta County has 22,750 students and about 2,960 employees, 55 percent of whom are certified teaching employees. 60 percent of Coweta's teachers hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 19 elementary, 6 middle, 3 high schools; 1 College and Career Academy charter school (serving grades 8-12 with traditional and non-traditional learning models); and the school system's Donald W. Nixon Centre for the Performing and Visual Arts.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Kindergarten: 20 to 1 with paraprofessional; Grades 1-3: 20 to 1; Grades 4-5: 24 to 1; Grades 6-8: 29 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,794

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Public School Profiles

City Schools of Decatur

404-371-3601

www.csdecatur.net

City Schools of Decatur have 5,425 (Pre-K-grade 12) students attending nine schools. Of the district's 436 certified teachers, over 84 percent hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 9 total; 1 early childhood learning center; 5 Kindergarten-third; 1 fourth-fifth; 1 middle; 1 high school.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Meets or is lower than state mandated standards.

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,807

DeKalb County School System

678-676-1200

www.dekalbschoolsga.org

DeKalb County School District is the third largest school system in Georgia with 102,000 students. More than 6,000 teachers and about 65 percent hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 137 schools. School choice options are available in nearly 50 schools to include theme, magnet, IB, charter and Montessori options.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** General: 27 to 1; Gifted: 16 to 1; CTAE: 24 to 1.

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,242

Douglas County School System

770-651-2000

www.douglas.k12.ga.us

There are approximately 26,082 students attending Douglas County's 33 schools. 72 percent of the 1,964 certified employees have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 20 elementary, 8 middle, 5 high schools; 1 performance learning center; 1 college and career institute; 1 CCI Academy.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Meets or is lower than state mandated standards.

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,419



Cherokee County School District

Fayette County Public Schools

770-460-3535

www.fcboe.org

Fayette County School System has 20,095 students. More than half of the 1,346 teachers have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 14 elementary; 5 middle; 5 high schools; 1 alternative school; 1 open campus high school.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 13 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,750

Forsyth County Schools

770-887-2461

www.forsyth.k12.ga.us

Over 47,800 students attend Forsyth County's 37 schools. There are over 3,300 certified employees in the system, of which 87 percent have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 21 elementary; 10 middle; 5 high schools and 1 6-12 virtual school (open to out-of-county students).

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 20 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$7,866

Fulton County Schools

470-254-3600

www.fultonschools.org

Fulton County has more than 96,000 students and 7,000 certified staff members at 105 schools. Approximately 37 percent of the teachers hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 59 elementary (with Pre-K programs); 19 middle; 17 high schools (2 with open campuses); 10 charter schools.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Kindergarten, 22 to 1; with paraprofessional; Grades 1-3, 23 to 1; Grades 4-5, 30 to 1; Middle, 30 to 1; High, 32 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$10,445 (estimated)

Gainesville City Schools

770-536-5275

www.gcscsk12.net

7,929 students attend Gainesville City's 8 schools. 581 teachers are employed by the system, and 60 percent of them have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 6 elementary; 1 middle school; 1 high school

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Pre-K: 28 to 1; Grades K-5: 13 to 1; Grades 6-8: 16 to 1; Grades 9-12: 13 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,714



Douglas County School System

Public School Profiles

Gwinnett County Public Schools

678-301-6000

www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us

With more than 180,000 students attending 139 educational facilities, Gwinnett County is the largest school system in Georgia. The average GCPSS teacher holds a Master's degree and has 14 years of experience.

■ **Number of Schools:** 80 elementary; 29 middle; 21 high schools; 9 other educational facilities.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Varies by classroom, per Strategic Waivers School System contract.

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,853

Hall County Schools

770-534-1080

www.hallco.org

There are 27,357 students and 1,980 certified staff at Hall County's 34 schools. 69 percent of the teachers have obtained advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 20 elementary; 7 middle; 7 high schools.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 18 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$7,866

Henry County Schools

770-957-6601

www.henry.k12.ga.us

There are 42,000 students and 2,960 certified teachers in Henry County Schools. 75 percent of the certified employees have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 26 elementary; 2 conversion charter elementary schools; 11 middle; 10 high schools; 1 alternative school; 1 charter college and career academy; 1 6-12 online school (Impact Academy).

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Kindergarten, 24 to 1; Grades 1-3, 25 to 1; Grades 4-8, 32 to 1; Grades 9-12, 34 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,016

Marietta City Schools

770-422-3500

www.marietta-city.org

Some 8,900 students attend Marietta City's 11 schools, 1,200 certified employees with 75 percent of certified staff holding a Master's degree or higher.

■ **Number of Schools:** 8 elementary (one is grades 3-5 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Magnet school); 1 6th grade academy; 1 middle; 1 high school.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 20 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$10,542

Paulding County School District

770-443-8000

www.paulding.k12.ga.us

The Paulding County School District has 34 schools, 29,130 students and 1,830 teachers. 70 percent of the teachers hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 19 elementary; 9 middle; 5 high schools; 1 virtual academy; 1 alternative learning center.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 22 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$8,770

Rockdale County Public Schools

770-483-4713

www.rockdaleschools.org

There are 16,730 students attending Rockdale County Public Schools. Approximately 71.5 percent of the 1,387 certified personnel hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 11 elementary; 4 middle; 3 high schools; 1 college and career academy; 1 alpha school; 1 open campus; 1 magnet school; 11 school choice programs.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 13.3 to 1

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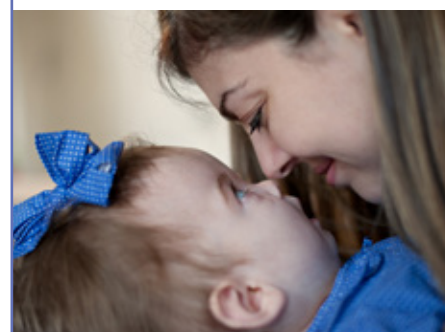
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Special Needs: How Therapy Helps Kids

Therapy can work wonders to improve a child's speech, motor skills and physical and emotional well-being.

In Atlanta, hospitals, private clinics, private practitioners, schools and early intervention programs offer a variety of treatments. Home-based therapy is also available.

Here's how the three most common types of therapy work.

Occupational Therapy (OT)

It helps children cope with emotional, social and physical challenges through personalized treatment plans that focus on skills kids need to complete daily tasks.

■ **Treatment:** OT varies widely depending on a child's physical, emotional and social needs. For instance, if a child has trouble tying his shoes or dressing, treatment would include activities that develop hand-eye coordination, such as an obstacle course.

■ **To Learn More:** American Occupational Therapy Association, aota.org.

Physical Therapy (PT)

Using exercises and physical activities, PT lessens kids' physical limitations with the aim of achieving a child's highest level of function. It is especially helpful for kids with cerebral palsy, spina bifida or brain injuries.

■ **Treatment:** Therapy sessions may include mobility training, activities to improve gross motor coordination, walking skills and balance training. Therapists can also help families choose assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, walkers or orthotics.

■ **To Learn More:** American Physical Therapy Association, apta.org.

Speech Therapy

Children who have difficulties with communication, language and social interaction benefit from this therapy. Often they are kids with speech delays, hearing loss, craniofacial disorders such as cleft palate, phonological disorders or feeding or swallowing problems.

■ **Treatment:** Therapy may include reading, recognition games and other strategies to improve communication skills.

■ **To Learn More:** American Speech-Language Hearing Association, asha.org.

Additional Therapies

Other types of therapy often included in an individual treatment plan are:

■ Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT):

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- 2 **For popular destinations,** visits made early in the week will be less crowded.
- 3 **Before the field trip,** gather information from the destination's website, read books and watch videos. Make sure the kids have a good basic knowledge of the place they'll be visiting and why they'll be there.
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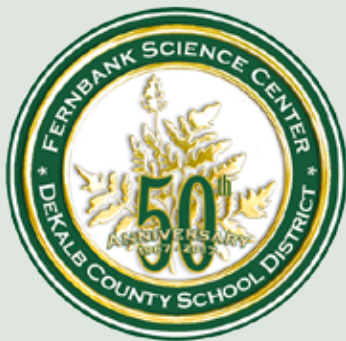
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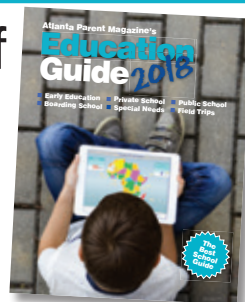
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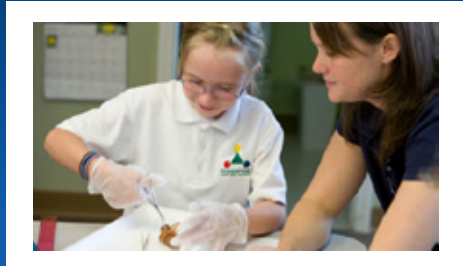
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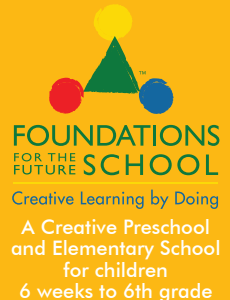
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