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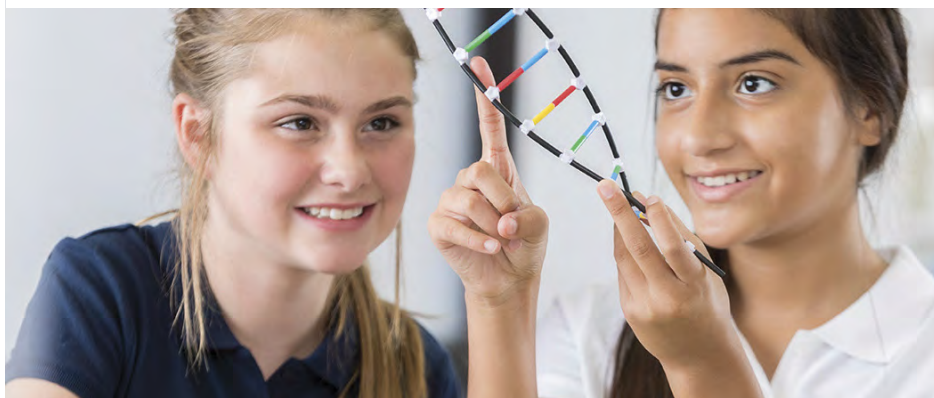
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Examinations and vaccinations are offered through a private doctor's office or public health clinics and are documented on the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear, Dental Exam (form 3300) and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (form 3231). These completed forms must be provided by parents to the school or childcare facility for enrollment. If form 3300 hasn't been completed, parents have 120 days to submit it. Superintendents can grant a waiver for submitting form 3231, for up to 90 days, if immunizations can be completed during that period. Flu vaccines are recommended for children ages 6 months and older; ask your health care provider about getting a yearly flu vaccine to protect against flu.



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Had enough immunizations? Not quite. As kids enter sixth or seventh grade, there are a few final shots they'll need.

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- Varicella booster – second dose required
- Mumps – second dose required
- Meningococcal (MCV) – first of two doses – required before entering the seventh grade.
- Human Papillomavirus, a three-dose series, not required but recommended

Did You Know?

- Georgia law requires students to attend a public or private school or be home-schooled from ages 6 to 16. Public kindergarten is available, but not mandatory.
- Students enrolling in Georgia public schools for the first time will be asked to provide a Social Security number, but it is not required and parents can decline to provide it.
- A child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enter public kindergarten.
- A child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enter first grade.
- Georgia provides a public pre-kindergarten program for children 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, administered by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

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The number of National Blue Ribbon Schools in Georgia

180

The minimum number of school days required by Georgia law

1,052

The mean score of Georgia public school students on the SAT in 2022 (beat the national score of 1,028)

1.6 million

The approximate number of students in Georgia

181

The number of school districts in Georgia

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Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Doing well in school isn't only about how hard you study. Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home.

■ Get involved in your child's school.

Join the PTA and other school groups. Volunteer whenever you can. Your child will feel more connected to school when you show you care. Being an active parent also helps you get to know the administration and faculty, which can be helpful if you ever have questions or concerns.

■ Get to know your child's friends.

Your child may not share much about the school day, but pals can be fountains of information. This also allows you to ask your child more personalized, thoughtful questions about his day. What did you and Jason talk about at lunch? How was hanging out with Reese and Morgan at recess? Showing you know about his friends and asking specific questions can help him open up more or jog a memory from the day.

■ Know her schedule and the pressures lurking.

In elementary school, most teachers send weekly emails about things coming up at school. Older kids likely have an agenda – whether hard copy or digital – to keep up with assignments, homework and upcoming assessments. Check in with your child about anything she might be stressed about or want help with; be especially sensitive to her feelings around test time.

■ Consider limiting extracurriculars to one or two a week.

You know how exhausted you are running your child around. Just imagine how tired he is! One idea is to have an activity that can happen year-round like playing an instrument, dance, chess or karate and then to have seasonal activities that rotate like soccer, baseball, volleyball or basketball.



■ Go over her homework with her.

Some children need a little downtime before diving right into the books. Others need to jump in right away. Regardless, make sure she understands finishing her homework is a priority. You can also use the review time as a way to check in about how she's feeling about the subject matter.

■ Make sure he reads every day.

Or make time to read to younger children. For older kids, ask a few questions about what they are reading to be sure they are understanding the book appropriately. Even 20 minutes a day can make a big difference in academic success.

■ Make sure she gets enough sleep.

Many physicians believe that kids need 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night well into their teen years. Turn off computers, cell phones, and TVs at least an hour before bedtime to allow children's brains time to slow down. Schedule a bed time that makes sense based on when your child has to get up in the morning.

■ Talk to your child about drugs, alcohol, bullies, peer pressure, guns, strangers.

As hard as these conversations are, your child needs to know how to respond when confronted with danger. Have age-appropriate conversations and let your child know that he can come to you with any questions or concerns.

■ Keep tabs on the electronics.

Today's kids may be technologically savvy, but many still do not understand the consequences of viewing – or sending – inappropriate material and texts or connecting with individuals they don't personally know. Be sure electronics have the proper parental controls and that they are kept in a shared public space overnight.

■ Celebrate accomplishments, no matter how small or big!

Positive reinforcement is a great motivator for maintaining effort. We all feel better when we know our hard work is paying off. Hugs, extra minutes of outside or technology time, notes of encouragement, and making a favorite meal are all great ways to show how proud you are.

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7 Simple Tips for Finding the Perfect Preschool

by Rebecca Hastings

It can be hard to think about your child spending time away from you, but preschool is an important step for social development, early learning and creating a community for your child. When you start your search, finding a the right preschool may seem stressful but when you focus on a few key elements, you can find the perfect place for you and your kids.

Here are 7 tips to help you find a preschool you'll treasure:

- 1 Talk to kids.** At the park, at the library, at your friend's house. Find out what the kids loved doing on a given day or what their favorite thing is about preschool. Ask to see their latest project. Most kids will be thrilled to share their expertise. You can learn a lot from kids if you pay attention.
- 2 Talk to parents.** See what schools they love and why. Find out if they are friends with other families there. Ask about the teachers that make it great. The most important thing is to talk to real people. Don't rely on social media for accurate information.
- 3 Consider the schedule.** Does the school have a schedule that works for your family? It is essential that the days and hours align with your family schedule and your child's preferences. There are schools with two-day-a-week programs and schools that meet five days a week. Some meet for two hours while others are the whole day. Think about what you and your child would benefit from most.
- 4 Ask about educational philosophy.** Every school has a unique approach. Some schools focus heavily on academics while others focus on social skills. Some schools stress nature-based learning while others focus on the arts. Don't get caught up in what these approaches are called; think about your child and how their interests line up with what the school offers.
- 5 Talk money.** Consider tuition costs as well as extras like fundraisers, field trips and parties. Be bold about asking these questions before you choose a school, so you are not stressed later about unexpected expenses. Finding a school that your family can afford will create a less stressful environment for you and your child.
- 6 Find out about parent involvement.** Ask how much parents are expected to be involved and make sure it is something you are comfortable with. Some schools ask for parents to volunteer during the school day on a regular basis while others only invite parents for holiday and year-end programs. Extras like fundraising or events can also be a requirement.



- 7 Ask to observe.** See if there is a good time for you and your child to visit during the school day. Watching the school in action is one of the best ways to discover if it will be a good fit. Chat with some parents at drop-off or pickup. Observe the kids as they work together. All of it fits together to create the atmosphere your child will be learning in.

Finding the perfect preschool doesn't have to be stressful. Be realistic about your family's needs and how they match up with the school. With these simple tips, you can discover a learning environment that will suit your child and family.



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 - **STEM Work:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education creates critical thinkers and increases science literacy. In the kitchen, discuss the purpose of certain ingredients, such as baking powder. Encourage building with LEGOs or marshmallows and toothpicks.
 - **Keep Spelling:** You may have already started teaching your child to spell his name, but do this with everything: items at the store, in his room or outside.
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- **Write and Color:** Let them go wild coloring animals, shapes, letters or anything they can imagine. This encourages creativity and helps improve fine motor skills. On drawings, write the word the image conveys.
 - **Practice Counting:** Set up a sensory bin at home with a variety of colored items, and use rice or beans as filler. Ask your child to find the red items and count them, then the blue items, then the green and so on. While grocery shopping, encourage counting of vegetables or fruit in the cart, or when eating, count pieces of food.
 - **Learn with the Five Senses:** Teach about touch by spraying shaving cream on the table and letting kids trace shapes using their fingers. Taste test different types of yogurt. Play I Spy in the backyard. Print out pictures of animals and mimic their sounds.
 - **Read Daily:** Have books in an easy-to-reach part of your child's room, so they can see the covers. Let them pick the book each night. Read aloud and trace along the words with your finger, stop to ask questions.
 - **Pretend Play:** Have a day to "play school" and talk to your child about preschool. You can play teacher, sing songs, read books about school and practice putting on a coat or tying shoes. When your child has already started school, have them play teacher to tell you what they learned in school.



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Top Reasons Parents Opt for Private Schools

Ask parents why they want their child to attend a private school, and you'll hear these responses:

Individualized Attention: With smaller teacher-to-student ratios than most public schools, many private school parents believe their children get a better education at an independent school.

Religious Principles: Many parents want an education that offers religious teachings and tenets along with the ABCs. They seek an emphasis on spiritual values, morals and faith development throughout the whole curriculum.

Personalized Learning: Every child has his or her own academic timetable, as well as talents. Parents may find that a private school can better address the child's needs – whether he or she is a late-bloomer, gifted in math, a budding artist or proficient in foreign languages.

Innovative Teaching: Some parents may have strong feelings about teaching methods or the curriculum and textbooks used by a public school system. Private schools often offer more options and flexibility. One parent may request a more innovative approach for their child, while another might demand more traditional teaching techniques.

Nontraditional Groupings: Many private schools offer alternatives to the usual grade groupings. These frequently cater more to individual abilities in different areas, or they may allow students more fluid movement between grades, regardless of age.

More Responsive to Parents: Private schools answer to the parents funding them. As a result, parents feel more confident that the issues and concerns that are important to them will be addressed.

Special Needs: A child with a learning disability or a behavioral problem may not do well in a traditional public school classroom. Private schools, especially those designed for a specific learning disability or special need, employ teachers and other professionals with the necessary credentials to teach and care for children with special needs.

– Elizabeth Baggett



To-Do List for Choosing a Private School

- **DO be realistic.** There is no perfect school or one-size-fits-all academic setting. Look for one that is the best fit for your child.
- **DO make a list** of what you want in a school. Be specific and prioritize your list.
- **DO consider your child's needs.** Choose one that will foster his strengths, weaknesses, interests and talents.
- **DO consider your child's learning style.** Is he self-motivated or does he need a structured environment? Is he an auditory, visual or kinesthetic learner?
- **DO choose a school** that matches your family's values.
- **DO make a list of schools** in your area that are potential candidates. Call and ask for information to be sent. Then make an appointment to further investigate those schools that meet your criteria.
- **DO consider a school,** even if it is out of your price range. Many schools offer financial aid or scholarships, so don't be afraid to ask.
- **DO consider commute.** A drive as far as 30 minutes or an hour is okay if everything else matches up. Look for someone to carpool with or use the drive to study or spend quality time together.
- **DO visit the school.** You will get a better idea if this is the right environment for your child once you step onto the campus.
- **DO talk with the principal** or school administrator. Ask specific questions and be realistic and honest in telling him or her about your child's strengths and weaknesses.
- **DO sit in on the classes** and observe how the students and teachers interact.
- **DO meet the teacher** who would be teaching your child. Consider how your child will interact with him or her.
- **DO keep a written record** of what you observe, particularly if you are visiting more than one school.
- **DO look for a school** where the teachers work to build a relationship with the students and their families. This is one of the biggest factors in a child's academic success.
- **DO talk with other parents** whose children currently attend the school to find out what they do and don't like about the school.
- **DO take your child to visit the school** once a decision has been made. If possible, let him meet the teacher and other students and sit in on the class. Then ask him for his feedback.
- **DO follow your instinct.** You know your child and family situation better than anyone else.

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Choosing the right private school for your child may feel challenging. The following pages will give you a more in-depth view of academics, student life, athletics and more at some of Atlanta's best private schools. Discover more and find a school that checks all the boxes for your family.

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Founded 2012
Grades 1 - 8
134 Students
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Marietta · Cobb County
678-709-6634
gracepointschool.org

Bringing out the brilliance of the
dyslexic learner since 2012.

GRACEPOINT, a private, Christian school, proudly celebrates ten years of equipping dyslexic students in grades 1-8 with the skills needed to become independent, confident learners. Since opening its doors in 2012 with four students, GRACEPOINT has restored hope to more than 230 dyslexic learners by identifying its students' strengths while remediating their academic weaknesses. GRACEPOINT understands that dyslexia is not a disability but a learning difference viewing dyslexia as a gift to embrace and celebrate. The teaching style meets academic and spiritual needs while bringing out their students' God-glorifying brilliance.

As an accredited program through the Academy of Orton Gillingham Practitioners and Educators, GRACEPOINT provides an explicit, systematic, and multisensory approach to learning woven into all subject areas. Their mission is to equip students with the skills needed to develop into independent and confident learners. Once remediated, students transition to traditional public and private schools.

To further meet the immense need for specialized education for dyslexic learners in the community, GRACEPOINT will relocate to a larger facility located at 1407 Cobb Parkway in January 2024.



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accepting
applications
for the
2023-2024
school year.**

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*A private, Christian school for
the dyslexic learner*

PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Founded 1959

Preschool – Grade 12

1,360 Students

805 Mount Vernon Highway NW

Atlanta · Fulton County

404-255-4026

hies.org

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School develops in students a love of learning, respect for self and others, faith in God, and a sense of service to the world community.

HIES is one of the nation's largest Episcopal schools, enrolling 1,360 students in grades PK3-12. Here, in a uniquely vibrant learning community, filled with encouragement and every imaginable opportunity, students are able to pursue their passions and are challenged to reach their full potential.

Located just north of Chastain Park and inside the perimeter, HIES reaches across 43 beautiful acres and boasts a state-of-the-art STEM Building, stand-alone Primary, Lower, Middle and Upper School facilities, a Fine Arts Building, two modern gymnasiums and four expansive athletic fields.

Their 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. HIES has one of the region's leading Fine Arts programs and an impressive athletic tradition, with many regional and state championships. For more information, visit hies.org.



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Holy Innocents' Episcopal School | PK3 - 12 | www.hies.org | 805 Mount Vernon Hwy NW, Atlanta, GA 30327

Lovett

Founded 1926

Kindergarten – Grade 12

1,640 Students

4075 Paces Ferry Road NW

Atlanta · Fulton County

404-262-3032

lovett.org

Developing students of honor, faith, and wisdom with the character and intellect to thrive in learning and in life.

The Lovett School is a community of belonging that develops students of honor, faith, and wisdom with the character and intellect to thrive in learning and in life. Founded in 1926 by Eva Edwards Lovett, Lovett continues today as an Atlanta independent school serving children from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

The School's emphasis on the whole child is nationally recognized and provides integrated experiences in academics, arts, athletics, and service through an education grounded in learning, character, and community. Lovett's rigorous academic offerings are complemented by dynamic arts classes taught by working artists, a competitive athletics program fielding 69 teams in 16 sports, and purposeful civic engagement opportunities to foster responsible global citizens.

With a student body composed of 1,640 students from 78 different zip codes, Lovett fosters inquisitive minds as well as joyful spirits, strong bodies, good characters, and empathetic hearts. Nurturing relationships are at the heart of a Lovett education, whether it be in the classroom, on the stage, or on the field, so the School maintains a student-teacher ratio of 7:1.

Learn more about Lovett and the admission process at lovett.org.



Our students find joy and purpose in learning by doing.

Guided by our distinctive approach to whole child education, Lovett faculty immerse students in intellectually rigorous, hands-on learning environments that spark character development, individual passions, and social awareness. By design, we offer students the experiences that deepen their cognitive, emotional, and social skills while inspiring an enduring enthusiasm for learning.

Learn more at lovett.org

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Lovett

4075 Paces Ferry Road, NW
Atlanta, Georgia, 30327
(404) 262-3032

PRIVATE SCHOOLS



McGINNIS WOODS
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Founded 1999

Infants – Grade 8

400 Students

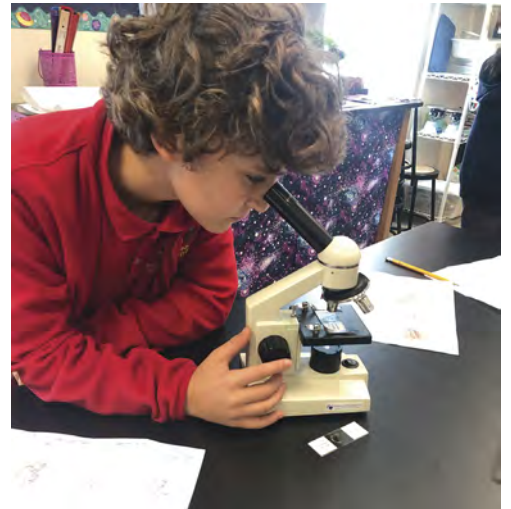
5380 Faircroft Drive

Alpharetta · Forsyth County

770-664-7764

mcginniswoods.org

McGinnis Woods School located in Forsyth County offers a rich Preschool through Middle School education. McGinnis Woods is Cognia, GAC, and NAEYC certified and a member of the Georgia Independent School Association. Instruction at McGinnis Woods is hands-on with a focus on STEM learning. The school is a 1:1 iPad environment that features small class-sizes with teacher assistants and superior academics that inspire a lifelong love of learning. Classes are engaging and provide for differentiation and personalized attention. Guest speakers, field trips, character education, leadership opportunities and community service round out the curriculum. Competitive Sports, Robotics, Science Olympiad and Drama teams train year-round. After school and Discovery Clubs are also available. Visit www.mcginniswoods.org to set up a tour to visit today!



McGinnis Woods is a nurturing environment where students matter most and are inspired to learn, explore, and give back.

Bringing Learning to Life



- Private non-parochial education for infants through 8th grade
- Nurturing environment featuring outstanding teachers, small class sizes with assistants, 1-to 1-iPad environment, hands-on academics, STEM, frequent field trips and after-school programs.
- After-school sports, robotics, Science Olympiad and drama.



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PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Founded 1976

PK3 - Grade 12

1,280 Students

1275 Stanley Road

Kennesaw · Cobb County

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Voted "Best Private School" and
"Best Preschool" in Cobb county.

Mount Paran Christian School exists to provide a stellar academic experience in a Christian environment. It's crucial to guarantee a moral and faith foundation through everything your child learns at school. Through curricular Bible classes, weekly chapel, discipleship groups, and service, faith becomes integrated into who they are. Within small class sizes, MPSC offers 56 AP/honors courses, instructional support, robotics, Spanish and STEAM starting in PK3, and a 1:1 device program. MPSC's job is to prepare servant-leaders – in the classroom, on the ball field, on the stage, and ultimately in the community.

Mount Paran Christian School is a PreK3-12th grade private Christian, non-denominational, college-preparatory school. MPSC is committed to excellence in academics, award-winning arts, and championship athletics. Founded in 1976, MPSC is fully accredited (SAIS/Cognia) and located in the shadow of Kennesaw Mountain on a 68-acre collegiate-like campus. MPSC unites with home and church to prepare servant-leaders to honor God, love others, and walk in Truth. Experience the difference an MPSC education can make for your family at an Open House or Tuesday Tour. Sign up at mtparanschool.com/experience.



mtparanschool.com/experience



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TUESDAY TOURS ♦ RIGOROUS ACADEMICS/STEAM/PLTW® ♦ SMALL CLASSES (12:1) ♦ AWARD-WINNING ARTS ♦ CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS ♦ CHRIST AT THE CENTER

PRIVATE SCHOOLS



THE MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL

Founded 1972

Preschool – Grade 12

1,250 Students

510 Mt. Vernon Highway NE

Atlanta · Fulton County

404-252-3448

mountvernon.school.org

We don't have to wait and see what the future holds. We can design a better world together, today.

Inspiring innovation in Preschool through Grade 12, The Mount Vernon School empowers students to discover, explore, learn, design, create, and effect change. Providing a platform for limitless possibilities where learning is amplified through real-world problem-solving, the School encourages constant impact. Students have big ideas and when their teachers really know each individual's curiosities and passions, incredible things can happen. As a co-educational day school for more than 1250 students, Mount Vernon is a destination for students who will design a better world. Preparing students to be globally competitive, college-ready, and engaged citizen leaders, the College Counselors cultivate strong relationships with each family in order to find the optimal college fit. Alumni have been accepted to Harvard University, Stanford University, United States Military Academy, Barnard College, American University, University of California- Santa Barbara, Georgetown College, Swarthmore College, University of Colorado, and all 14 universities in the Southeastern Conference. "We don't have to wait and see what the future holds. We can design a better world together, today."

Visit mountvernon.school.org/admissions to learn more.





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SCHOOL**



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**NORTH COBB
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ncchristian.org

Founded 1983
Preschool K3 - Grade 12
1,150 Students
4500 Eagle Drive
Kennesaw · Cobb County
770-975-0252
ncchristian.org

**NCCS combines academic excellence
with an authentic Christian education,
helping students grow into their full
potential in Christ.**

North Cobb Christian School partners with parents of over 1,150 students in preschool K3 - 12th grade to inspire the pursuit of wonder, safeguard innocence, and discover the truth of God. This is school ... the way it should be. Since its founding in 1983, NCCS remains true to the calling of providing an authentically Christian, academically excellent education that honors each student's unique genius. Students thrive amidst a strong family culture with a 10:1 student-to-teacher average ratio.

Limitless opportunities to shine include 54 championship-caliber athletic teams, 17 award-winning arts ensembles, 5 Academies (magnet programs), and a robust array of clubs and enrichment programs. Proactive college counseling results in top scholarships and a 100% college acceptance rate. Plus, weekly chapel, discipleship groups, fall retreat, and Spring Term trips encourage solid biblical foundations. In fact, an independent school consulting firm recently reported, "The strength of NCCS is their Christian mission. Of all the schools we have worked with nationally and globally, NCCS's Christian mission is the strongest we have seen." To tour: 770-975-0252, ncchristian.org/admissions, admissions@ncchristian.org



challenging the minds of future trailblazers

North Cobb Christian School challenges students in K3 - 12th grade to utilize their God-given intellect and innate sense of wonder to become critical problem solvers who impact the world for Christ. This is school ... the way it should be.

call to tour

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ncchristian.org



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PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Founded 2011
Pre-K2 – Grade 6
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Atlanta · Fulton County
404-865-1463
omnischoolatl.com

Preparing students to be active
and engaged in the world with an
international advantage.

OMNI is a language immersion school of excellence, serving students PK2 – Grade 6. Its local delivery of a well-balanced, rigorous academic curriculum is taught with a global perspective. At OMNI language is an integral component to world interconnectedness and the key to global citizenship.

OMNI emphasizes foreign language proficiency, cultural diversity, and above all, academic excellence. The focus is a full immersion approach of the Asian (Japanese or Chinese) and English languages with Spanish integrated as a 3rd language beginning at kindergarten. With this approach, each child will have a solid footing in their native tongue and the foundation needed to build on other aspects of their language development, while becoming trilingual.

OMNI provides a rigorous academic curriculum that promotes critical thinking. Enriching electives such as art, agriculture, health, coding and music supplement core classes. Schedule a tour and learn more today!



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*“In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future.
The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists.”—Eric Hoffer*

3940 Cascade Road, Atlanta 30331 | 404-865-1463 | omnischoolatl.com

PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Founded 1958

Pre-First - Grade 12

1,150 Students

966 W. Paces Ferry Road NW

Atlanta · Fulton County

404-262-1345

paceacademy.org

Pace students, guided by an outstanding faculty, develop a deep understanding of the world and the people around them.

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 1,150 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 realize that true success means making a difference.

For more information, visit paceacademy.org.



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LEARNING
TO LIFE
AT EVERY
LEVEL.**

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RESTORATION COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Est. 2022

Founded 2022

K – Grade 6

22 Students

410 Rucker Rd.

Alpharetta · Fulton County

470-496-5689

restorationcommunityacademy.com

RCA is an engaged community working together to promote Jesus-centered learning and leadership.

Welcome to an innovative, discipleship model of education. RCA is an engaged community working together to promote Jesus-centered learning and leadership. With the belief that culture shapes education and education shapes the children, RCA guides their student body with the core values of secure relationships, unique identity, personal responsibility, biblical education, holistic discipleship, and engaged citizenship. Students are engaged in a fundamental approach to education. With grade offerings from kindergarten through 6th grade, the student body truly experiences a warm community and learning environment.



RCA proudly partners with each family. With a vision for each child to become a mission-minded Jesus follower who fearlessly shapes culture and expands His Kingdom, RCA is excited to see students grow into that future!

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- Focus | Character & Academic Growth
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Equipping families to develop discerning leaders through intentional education and community.

**RESTORATION
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**
Est. 2022

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

* Springmont School

Founded 1963
18 Months – Grade 8
275 Students
5750 Long Island Dr. NW
Atlanta · Fulton County
404-252-3910
springmont.com

Springmont's learning environment empowers students to be inquisitive, knowledgeable, independent, compassionate and effective.

As the oldest Montessori school in the Southeast, Springmont offers students 18 months through Middle school an authentic Montessori education. Individualized, hands-on learning is balanced with social/emotional well-being, inspiring the diverse and inclusive community of learners to become creative, independent, and globally minded.

Multi-aged classes and specially designed materials are complemented by highly experienced and caring teachers who guide students' curiosity towards meaningful, collaborative discoveries. Large, light-filled classrooms and a beautiful campus with natural areas, class gardens, and farm animals afford rich outdoor experiences.

Springmont's Middle School prepares students for success in Atlanta's premier high schools and life beyond academics. Opportunities to hone time-management skills, experience active leadership roles, and work both independently and in diverse groups allow students to become engaged learners. Springmont School – Extraordinary by Design.



18 MONTHS – 8TH GRADE

Springmont's authentic Montessori experience balances academic learning with social/emotional well-being. Highly experienced and caring teachers guide individualized learning that inspires students to become creative, independent and globally-minded.

EXTRAORDINARY BY DESIGN.

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or call 404.252.3910 for more info or to
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PRIVATE SCHOOLS

TRINITY
SCHOOL

Founded 1951
PreK3 – Grade 6

600 Students

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Atlanta · Fulton County
404-231-8100
trinityatl.org

Trinity students gain a lifelong love of learning, confidence in their abilities, and strategies to adapt to new situations and an ever-changing world.

Established in 1951, Trinity School is Atlanta's only elementary-only independent school and serves children age three through Sixth Grade. Students enjoy small class sizes, low student-to-teacher ratios, state-of-the-art technology, and flexible indoor and outdoor learning spaces on a beautiful 43-acre campus. Offering high-quality, multi-sensory differentiated learning in a nurturing environment, Trinity is known for its challenging academics, amazing arts program, and community that cares like no other.

Trinity cherishes the magic of childhood, encouraging students to try things they never imagined and cheering mightily when they succeed. Students have ample opportunity to follow their interests and find their passions. In addition to strong foundations in math, language arts, science, and social studies, they are given an abundance of choice – in art, community service, engineering and design, technology, World Languages, music, and physical education. With the support of teachers who are experts in elementary education, Trinity students gain a lifelong love of learning, confidence in their abilities, and strategies to adapt to new situations and an ever-changing world.

Discover more at trinityatl.org



Bright, young minds thrive here

Serving children age three through Sixth Grade,

Trinity School has cherished childhood while preparing our students for the future since 1951. Small class sizes, early childhood and elementary education experts, and innovative programming are just some of the reasons your child will thrive at Trinity, Atlanta's only private elementary-only school!

Discover more at
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SCHOOL

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Established 1951



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The Walker
School



Founded 1957

PK3 - Grade 12

920 Students

700 Cobb Parkway North

Marietta · Cobb County

770-427-2689

thewalkerschool.org

With an average class size of 16 students, each child is challenged, supported and encouraged to explore all opportunities on the campus.

At The Walker School, the infinite worth and dignity of each student defines the approach to learning. Walker is the top PK3-12th grade school open to all faiths in metro Atlanta. With an average class size of 16 students, each child is challenged, supported and encouraged to



explore all opportunities on the campus. Upper School students are able to customize their high school experience, choosing from a wide range of academic offerings, including 26 of the 31 College Board AP courses.

Most of all, your child is known. One hundred percent of graduates are accepted to four-year colleges and universities. Walker students are excited and confident about college and beyond. Walker is located two miles from the Marietta Square, and offers more than 20 bus routes in the metro area. At The Walker School, tuition assistance is available to bridge the gap between the cost of tuition and a family's ability to pay. For more information about the wonder of Walker visit thewalkerschool.org/admission.

The Walker
School



PK(3)-12

700 Cobb Parkway N.

Marietta, Ga. 30062

Open to all faiths

WHERE WILL WONDER LEAD YOU?



Holden
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"Walker has given me the opportunity to shape my own path and to be who I want to be."



Sarah
Cornell University

"Walker has helped me to become a stronger student, and it has also helped me to foster strong relationships with my peers."



Justin
MIT

"The support Walker provides leads to opportunities that can't be found anywhere else."

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WESLEYAN SCHOOL

Founded 1963

K - Grade 12

1,207 Students

5405 Spalding Drive

Peachtree Corners · Gwinnett County

770-448-7640

wesleyanschool.org

Wesleyan strives to provide students with an atmosphere that is challenging, reinforces the value of hard work, and emphasizes character and integrity above accomplishment.

Wesleyan School believes faith and intellect are great partners with each other. At Wesleyan, it's not a matter of choosing faith or intellect, but rather using both to create the best possible education for your child. The leadership and faculty work to provide students with an atmosphere that is challenging, reinforces the value of hard work, and emphasizes character and integrity above accomplishment. Wesleyan School has made a commitment, in the midst of a rapidly changing culture, to never waiver on the core principle of dedication to Jesus Christ. This is at the heart of everyday life at Wesleyan as students learn and faculty strive to model the school J.O.Y. motto – Jesus, others, and then yourself.

Enrolling grades K-12, Wesleyan School prepares students for each stage of life and provides them the opportunity to see all the possibilities that lie before them. Located just outside of I-285 in Peachtree Corners, Wesleyan offers bus routes throughout the metro Atlanta area. Application deadlines along with information about admissions events and campus tours can be found online at wesleyanschool.org.



WESLEYAN SCHOOL

**Where authentic
Christian mission
and academic
excellence aren't
mutually exclusive**



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WESTMINSTER

Founded 1951

Pre-First – Grade 12

1,900 Students

1424 West Paces Ferry Road NW

Atlanta · Fulton County

404-355-8673

westminster.net

Serving bright, motivated students who are nurtured by challenge, Westminster develops leaders of conscience who will be a positive force in the world.

Westminster is a coeducational Christian, independent school serving bright and motivated students, who are curious by nature and nurtured by challenge. The School was founded in 1951 to develop leaders of conscience who will be a positive force in the world. With an enrollment of 1,880 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 members.

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



Tomorrow calls for a new kind of leader.

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Learn more at westminster.net

WESTMINSTER

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS



A Christ-Centered College Preparatory School

Founded 1996

PreK – Grade 12

960 Students

1 Whitefield Drive

Smyrna · Cobb County

678-305-3000

whitefieldacademy.com

Whitefield Academy offers a challenging and meaningful curriculum that encourages curiosity and a passion for learning.

At Whitefield Academy, students receive an academic education that is founded on intellectual rigor and Christ-centered principles. Serving more than 950 students in grades PreK through 12, Whitefield Academy offers a challenging and meaningful curriculum that encourages curiosity and a passion for learning through its solid academic reputation with its numerous AP and honors courses.



The college preparatory education is built on Christ-centered values and beliefs, enabling students to succeed in both college and life. Whitefield teachers engage deeply with their students in the pursuit of knowledge and Truth with shared experiences, grace, and accountability.

With more than 50 sports teams, including 20 varsity teams, Whitefield provides multiple opportunities for both participation and success. Whitefield's acclaimed fine arts program and top-notch Innovation Lab empower students to pursue their interests in theater, music, and visual arts, as well as STEM subjects such as engineering and robotics. To find out more, please visit whitefieldacademy.com.



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WOODWARD ACADEMY

Founded 1900

PreK – Grade 12

2,568 Students

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College Park · Fulton County

404-765-4000

woodward.edu

A typical Woodward Academy graduating class attends more than 100 different colleges and universities and devotes 5,000 hours to community service.

With renowned college-preparatory academics and a community defined by its geographic, racial, spiritual, economic, and cognitive diversity, Woodward Academy is Atlanta at its best. From pre-K through 12th grade, Woodward is a place where your child can study Guguin and golf,

Copernicus and coding, rhetoric and robotics – all in one day.

Woodward challenges its students to explore new academic frontiers and reach their fullest potential. What does success look like? Look no further than the 24 AP classes, renowned Transition Program for students with mild learning differences, more than 100 clubs and cocurriculars, 75 yearly arts performances, and 18 varsity sports. Woodward's Global Connections Program offers extensive international study abroad programs, and its innovative STEAM programs are woven into the curriculum—from coding for kindergarteners to the Independent Scientific Research program, which pairs juniors and seniors with university professors to work on real-world problems. For more information, visit woodward.edu.



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12th grade,

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OPPORTUNITIES

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS



MOUNT PISGAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Founded 1986

Infant – Grade 12

1,105 Students

9820 Nesbit Ferry Road
Johns Creek · Fulton County

678-336-3400

mountpisgahschool.org

MPCS provides an outstanding college prep education grounded in Christian faith and values.

Mount Pisgah Christian School is a top-rated independent Preschool-12th grade school located in north Atlanta. Known for providing an outstanding college preparatory education grounded in Christian faith and values, 100% of students are accepted into a four-year college or university.

MPCS is educating with intention through personalized, student-centered learning with small class sizes brought to life in academics, athletics and spiritual life. A purposeful education prepares students to be critical thinkers, ready to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.

Recognized for academic achievement, Mount Pisgah is an AP Challenge, AP Merit, AP STEM, AP STEM Achievement and AP Humanities School.

This school is a place where students encounter foundational truth in the Word of God and experience God's love and grace in the classroom, on the field, and beyond.

Extracurricular offerings include 46 competitive athletic programs, fine arts programs and more.

Visit mountpisgahschool.org to learn more.



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2023: School Tours and Open Houses

If you're considering a private school, connecting with the school's students and professionals by attending a school tour or an open house are wonderful ways to see if the school is the right fit for your child. Many metro Atlanta schools offer private tours, virtual tours, live video conferences, phone meetings and smaller open houses.



■ **Start by doing your research.**

Narrow down the options until you have a short list of schools that seem the best for your child by looking at websites, FAQs, pre-recorded videos and social media pages.

■ **Create a list of questions** you plan to ask each school. What questions do you or your child have that you can't find answers to on their website? Responses can help you narrow down or rank the school options that you're interested in.

■ **Schools may have different options** that you can register to attend, with each session being important for different reasons. Pay attention to the options offered, so you can decide what makes the most sense for you to attend. Sign up for a phone conference, and if you decide your family is still interested in the school, register for a campus tour.

■ **At a tour**, whether it's virtual or in-person, expect to tour the school, learn more about the community, talk to school professionals, and ask questions.

■ **At an open house**, plan to hear words of welcome from administrators and a plug from the PTA. Schools usually include a brief school history, an educational philosophy, a mission statement and a list of extracurricular activities or clubs. This overview period is a good time for parents to ask about the bus schedule, school lunches, physical education requirements, dress code and more.

■ **After the school session**, look at SAT scores, attendance records and grade-point averages. Follow up with phone calls and emails if you have questions.

■ **If it's not part of the tour**, schedule a time to observe a class in session. This will give you a good idea of the teaching style and classroom setting. Are the desks arranged in groups or in rows facing the teacher? What materials does the classroom have for the students? Are the students enthusiastic about learning?

■ **Talk to other parents** about the school. Most parents are happy to share their thoughts.

■ **Some schools offer programs** that allow you and your child to learn more from a student's perspective. If not, ask administrators if they can connect your child with a student at the school.

■ **Look at the big picture.** You may be hoping to stay with the system through high school, so research graduation and college placement rates. This information is usually found on the school's website.

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How to Help Your Child Create and Achieve Goals

by Cheryl Maguire

“I want to be on the honor roll.”

“That sounds like a great goal. Let’s talk about how to achieve it.”

Setting goals are important because it will help children to be successful in school, work or any area of their life. The founder of JCPenney said, “Give me a stock clerk with a goal and I’ll give you a man who will make history. Give me a man with no goals and I’ll give you a stock clerk.”

Here are some tips to help your child to formulate and reach their life aspirations. These examples are related to school, but your child could create goals for sports, social skills, jobs or any other area of their life.



Motivation to Achieve Goals

Before creating goals, ask your child what their motivation or reasons for wanting to reach those goals. This will help them to stay focused and overcome obstacles. For example, if their goal is, “To be on the honor roll” and their motivation is, “To help me get into a good college” you can use this concept to remind your child why achieving these goals is important. Using pictures or images as a sign of your motivation can help them to stay focused. In this example hanging a picture of a college campus on the wall would help your child to visualize it.

How to Create Goals

Edwin Locke researched goal setting for over 40 years. He found that people who form specific goals had greater achievements than people with non-specific goals.

When creating goals it is important to have the goal be specific, measurable and realistic. Using these three criteria will increase the likelihood of success. Here are some examples:

■ Vague vs. Measurable Goals

Example of Vague Goal: I want to get good grades.

Example of Measurable Goal: I will hand in my homework on time every day for one week.

With the first example, it will be difficult to know if achieving your goals since you didn’t define what “good” means. Does good mean receiving a C or an A grade? Is it for all subjects? Do you want to get these grades for one or two terms or a final grade?

In the second example, a time frame of one week is defined so that at the end of a week you know if you achieved your goal if you handed in all assigned homework.

■ Unrealistic vs. Realistic Goals

It is also important to aim for realistic and achievable goals in order to avoid disappointment. It is easier to begin with small goals instead of large ones.

Example of Unrealistic Goal:

I will get a score of 100 on every test this year.

Example of Realistic Goal: I will earn honor roll at the end of term one.

Of course, some students might be able to earn 100 on every test, but most students would be setting themselves up for failure if they attempted this goal.

In general, it is easier to start small and work your way up to larger or more ambitious goals. Also if you write down your goals and put the list of goals on your wall, you are more apt to follow through on a daily basis.

Long-Term vs. Short-Term Goals

Your goals can be both long-term (1 year or longer) and short-term (1 day to 11 months). First, you can define your long-term goals and then your short-term goals as steps to help you achieve your long-term goals. By creating short-term goals you will find your long-term goal to be more manageable.

Here is an example:

■ **Long-Term Goal:** At the end of this year's school year, I will earn honor roll.

"Give me a stock clerk with a goal and I'll give you a man who will make history. Give me a man with no goals and I'll give you a stock clerk."

■ **Short Term Goal:** I will hand in homework every day this week.

■ **Short Term Goal:** I will study and review classwork for one hour every day this week.

It may be overwhelming to think about an entire school year, but if you consider the shortest-term goal of only one hour per day it is more manageable and achievable.

Reasons People Fall Short of Their Goals

The three main reasons I have seen why students have difficulty in achieving their goals are:

- The student experiences an obstacle and instead of overcoming the obstacle, they give up.
- The student didn't know when they achieved their goal since the goal was vague.
- The student created unrealistic or unattainable goals.

Create New Goals if Necessary

If you don't achieve your goals, first figure out the issue. Then you can create new goals or find the motivation to overcome the obstacle. Sometimes only minor changes are necessary.

For example:

■ **Goal:** I will receive a grade of an A in term one in math class.

■ **Short Term Goal:** I will complete homework every day.

■ **Obstacle:** Current average in math class is a B.

■ **Solution:** Discuss with the teacher ways to improve the grade such as extra credit or staying after school.

When your child achieves their goals, praise them for their accomplishments and their ability to set a goal and achieve it. Creating goals is a lifelong skill that will help your child work harder and be more successful in life.



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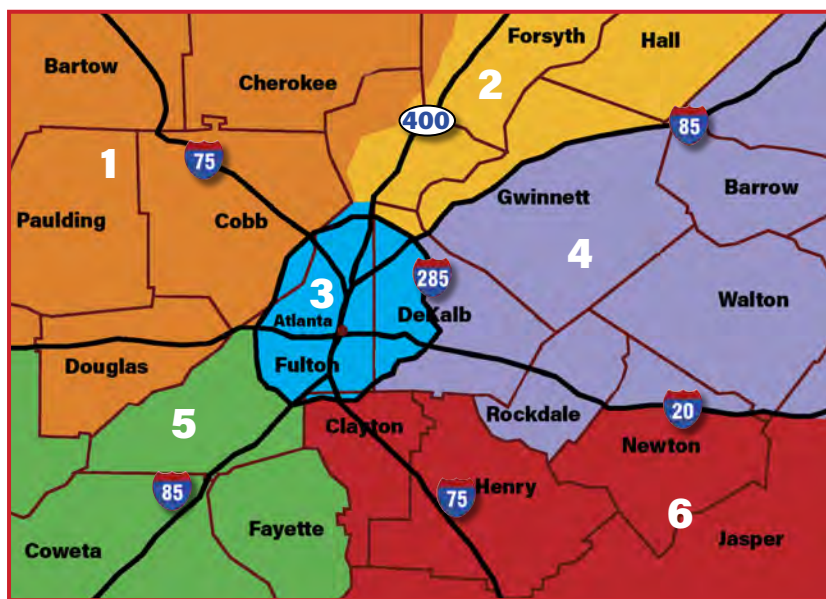
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Private Schools At-A-Glance

Our comprehensive directory of private schools in metro Atlanta lists schools that have 200 students or more. Montessori schools have 100 students or more, while special needs schools have 50 students or more. To be included, schools must go at least through third grade. Our advertising partners 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.

- 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
- 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

School Information	Zone	Phone	Ages/Grades	Students	Annual Tuition	Affiliation
Arbor Montessori School 2998 Lavista Rd., and 1434 Scott Blvd., Decatur (DeKalb) arbormontessori.org	3	404-321-9304	18mos.-8th	255	\$11,285-\$21,790/yr.	Montessori
Atlanta Academy 2000 Holcomb Woods Pkwy., Roswell (Fulton) atlantaacademy.com	2	678-461-6102	Preschool-8th	385	\$12,200-\$18,210/yr.	non-denominational Christian
Atlanta International School 2890 N. Fulton Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) aischool.org	3	404-841-3840	K3-12th	1,325	\$26,725-\$30,510/yr.	
Atlanta Jewish Academy 5200 Northland Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) atljewishacademy.org	3	404-843-9900	3mos.-12th	490	\$17,665-\$27,565/yr.	Jewish
Atlanta Montessori International School 1970 Cliff Valley Way NE, and 1215 S. Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) amischool.com	3	404-325-6777	8wks.-12yrs.	180	\$16,000-\$22,000/yr.	Montessori
The Bedford School 5665 Milam Rd., Fairburn (Fulton) thebedfordschool.org	5	770-774-8001	1st-9th	148	\$20,650-\$21,050/yr.	Learning differences
Blessed Trinity Catholic High School 11320 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) btcatholic.org	2	678-277-9083	9th-12th	1,000	\$13,600/yr.	Catholic

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Brandon Hall School 1701 Brandon Hall Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) brandonhall.org	2	770-394-8177	6th-12th	100	\$29,200-\$30,250/yr. (day) \$57,150-\$59,150/yr. (boarding)	
Brookwood Christian School for Dyslexia 4728 Wood St., Acworth (Cobb) brookwoodchristian.com	1	678-401-5855	1st-12th	80	\$21,000/yr.	Learning disabilities/ Christian
Cherokee Christian Schools 3075 Trickum Rd., Woodstock (Cherokee) cherokeechristian.org	1	678-494-5464	K5-12th	376	\$11,700-\$14,900/yr.	non-denominational Christian
The Children's School 345 Tenth St. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) tcsatl.org	3	404-873-6985	3yrs.-8th	375	\$15,057-\$24,512/yr.	
Christ the King School 46 Peachtree Way, Atlanta (Fulton) christking.org	3	404-233-0383	K-8th	570	\$10,094-\$13,681/yr.	Catholic
Cliff Valley School 2426 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) cliffvalley.org	3	678-302-1302	3yrs.-8th	430	\$7,740-\$19,360/yr.	
Community Christian School 2001 Jodeco Rd., Stockbridge (Henry) communitychristianschool.net	6	678-432-0191	6wks.-12th	800	\$10,848-\$12,888/yr.	Christian
Cornerstone Christian Academy 5295 Triangle Pkwy. NW, Peachtree Corners (Gwinnett) cornerstonecougars.org	2	770-441-9222	K-8th	462	\$12,967-\$16,872/yr.	Christian
The Cottage School 700 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell (Fulton) cottageschool.org	2	770-641-8688	3rd-12th	260	\$27,000-\$29,000/yr.	Learning differences
Covenant Christian Academy 6905 Post Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) covenantrams.org	2	770-674-2990	K4-12th	254	\$8,200-\$8,700/yr.	Christian
Crabapple Montessori School 12387 Crabapple Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) crabapplemontessori.com	2	770-569-5200	15mos.-12yrs.	220	\$8,740-\$14,000/yr.	Montessori
Creekside Christian Academy 2455 Mt. Carmel, Hampton and 175 Foster Dr., McDonough (Henry) creeksideacademy.org	6	770-961-9300	K3-12th	825	\$8,525-\$9,225/yr.	Christian
Cumberland Academy of Georgia 650-A Mt. Vernon Hwy. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) cumberlandacademy.org	3	404-835-9000	4th-12th plus college	100	\$26,800/yr.	Asperger, high-functioning Autism
Cumberland Christian Academy 2356 Clay Rd., Austell (Cobb) cumberlandchristian.org	1	678-426-1600	K3-12th	230	\$6,550-\$9,495/yr.	non-denominational Christian
Davis Academy 8105 Roberts Dr., Atlanta (Fulton) davisacademy.org	2	770-671-0085	PreK-8th	500	\$19,870-\$29,378/yr.	Jewish
Eagle's Landing Christian Academy 2400 Hwy. 42 North, McDonough (Henry) elcaonline.org	6	770-957-2927	K3-12th	952	\$5,724- \$14,905/yr.	Christian
Eastside Christian School 2450 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta (Cobb) eastsidechristianschool.com	1	770-971-2332	K-9th	252	\$10,870-\$14,500/yr.	Christian
The Epstein School 335 Colewood Way NW, Sandy Springs (Fulton) epsteinatlanta.org	3	404-250-5600	3mos.-8th	460	\$8,600-\$27,500/yr.	Jewish

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Fellowship Christian School 10965 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) fellowshipchristianschool.org	2	770-993-1650	PreK-12th	1,041	\$4,613-\$20,522/yr.	Christian
Foundations for the Future School 1500 Stanley Rd., Kennesaw (Cobb) foundationsschool.com	1	770-429-4799	6wks.-5th	207	\$17,472-\$25,941/yr.	
Fulton Science Academy 3035 Fanfare Way, Alpharetta (Fulton) fultonscienceacademy.org	2	678-366-2555	PreK-12th	878	\$15,000-\$18,000/yr.	
The Galloway School 215 Chastain Park Ave. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) gallowayschool.org	3	404-252-8389	PreK3-12th	750	\$18,200-\$31,150/yr.	
George Walton Academy 1 Bulldog Dr., Monroe (Walton) gwa.com	4	678-635-3800	K3-12th	750	\$5,000-\$13,900/yr.	Judeo-Christian
Grace Christian Academy 355 McDonough Rd., Fayetteville (Fayette) gracechristian.info	5	770-461-0137	K3-12th	200	\$5,400-\$7,446/yr.	Christian
GRACEPOINT 570 Piedmont Rd., Marietta (Cobb) gracepointschool.org	1	678-709-6634	1st-8th	134	\$25,000/yr.	Dyslexia/Christian
Greater Atlanta Christian School 1575 Indian Trail Rd., Norcross (Gwinnett) gac.org	4	770-243-2000	K3-12th	1,807	\$17,300-\$26,820/yr.	Christian
Harvester Christian Academy 4241 Central Church Rd., Douglasville (Douglas) harvesteracademy.com	1	770-942-1583	K4-12th	347	\$4,750-\$10,075/yr.	Christian
Hebron Christian Academy 775 Dacula Rd., Dacula (Gwinnett) hebronlions.org	4	770-963-9250	PreK-12th	1,271	\$8,990-\$14,990/yr.	Christian
Heritage Preparatory School 1700 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta (Fulton) heritageprep.org	3	404-815-7711	PreK-10th	256	\$9,300-\$19,900/yr.	Christian
The Heritage School 2093 Hwy. 29 N, Newnan (Coweta) heritageschool.com	5	770-253-9898	PreK3-12th	450	\$5,725-\$20,277/yr.	
High Meadows School 1055 Willeo Rd., Roswell (Fulton) highmeadows.org	2	770-993-2940	3yrs.-8th	350	\$7,320-\$22,332/yr.	
Holy Innocents' Episcopal School 805 Mt. Vernon Hwy. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) hies.org	3	404-255-4026	PreK3-12th	1,380	\$12,620-\$30,530/yr.	Episcopalian
Holy Redeemer Catholic School 3380 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) hrcatholicsschool.org	2	770-410-4056	K-8th	475	\$9,570-\$11,170/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	400	\$6,310-\$24,780/yr.	Catholic
Horizon Christian Academy 1270 Sawnee Dr., Cumming (Forsyth) hcaga.org	2	678-947-0711	K-12th	310	\$8,500-\$13,250/yr.	Christian
The Howard School 1192 Foster St., Atlanta (Fulton) howardschool.org	3	404-377-7436	K-12th	358	\$35,990-\$37,990/yr.	Language-based learning disabilities, learning differences

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School 2855 Briarcliff Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) ihmschool.org	3	404-636-4488	PreK4-8th	508	\$8,755-\$11,170/yr.	Catholic
International Montessori Academy 1240 Euclid Ave. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) imontessoriacademy.com	3	404-474-6375	8wks.-6th	115	\$14,500-\$22,200/yr.	Montessori
Intown Community School 2059 Lavista Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) intownschool.org	3	404-633-8081	K-8th	204	\$8,500-\$12,400/yr.	Christian
Killian Hill Christian School 151 Arcado Rd., Lilburn (Gwinnett) khcs.org	4	770-921-3224	K4-12th	415	\$6,000-\$13,100/yr.	Baptist
King's Ridge Christian School 2765 Bethany Bend, Alpharetta (Fulton) kingsridgecs.org	2	770-754-5738	PreK-12th	838	\$6,500-\$23,480/yr.	Christian
Lakeview Academy 796 Lakeview Dr., Gainesville (Hall) lakeviewacademy.com	2	770-532-4383	PreK3-12th	578	\$7,740-\$19,640/yr.	
Landmark Christian School 400 Windgate Rd., Peachtree City (Fayette) and 50 SE Broad St., Fairburn (Fulton) landmarkchristianschool.org	5	770-306-0647	PreK3-12th	1,040	\$9,000-\$20,700/yr.	Christian
Loganville Christian Academy 2575 Hwy. 81, Loganville (Walton) lcalions.com	4	770-554-9888	PreK3-12th	626	\$6,100-\$11,950/yr.	Christian
Lovett School 4075 Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) lovett.org	3	404-262-3032	K-12th	1,640	\$28,870-\$33,500/yr.	
Marist School 3790 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) marist.com	3	770-457-7201	7th-12th	1,100	\$21,830/yr.	Catholic
McGinnis Woods Country Day School 5380 Faircroft Dr., Alpharetta (Forsyth) mcginniswoods.org	2	770-664-7764	Infant-8th	300	\$11,025-\$15,575/yr.	
Midtown International School 1575 Sheridan Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) midtowninternationalschool.com	3	404-542-7003	K-12th	200	\$24,000-\$25,200/yr.	
Midway Covenant Christian School 4635 Dallas Hwy., Powder Springs (Cobb) midwayschool.org	1	770-590-1866	PreK4-8th	300	\$3,438-\$8,052/yr.	Christian
Mill Springs Academy 13660 New Providence Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) millsprings.org	2	770-360-1336	K-12th	278	\$23,620-\$28,120/yr.	Learning differences
Montessori Academy at Sharon Springs 2830 Old Atlanta Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) montessoriacademygeorgia.com	2	770-205-6277	18mos.-13yrs.	230	\$14,750-\$15,072/yr.	Montessori
Montessori Academy at Vickery 6285 Post Rd., Cumming (Forsyth) montessorivickery.com	2	770-777-9131	13mos.-9yrs.	170	\$9,800-\$15,000/yr.	Montessori
Montessori In Town 1192 Arkwright Pl., Atlanta (DeKalb) montessoriintown.com	3	404-784-1038	14mos.-6th	135	\$12,100-\$17,400/yr.	Montessori
Mount Paran Christian School 1275 Stanley Rd. NW, Kennesaw (Cobb) mtparanschool.com	1	770-578-0182	PreK3-12th	1,280	\$4,378-\$22,184/yr.	Christian

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Mount Pisgah Christian School 9820 Nesbit Ferry Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) mountpisgahschool.org	2	678-336-3400	Infant-12th	1,003	\$17,000-\$23,900/yr.	Christian
The Mount Vernon School 471 and 510 Mt. Vernon Hwy. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) mountvernonschool.org	3	404-252-3448	PreK-12th	1,250	\$26,160-\$29,975/yr.	Christian
Mt. Bethel Christian Academy 4385 Lower Roswell Rd., and 2509 Post Oak Tritt Rd., Marietta (Cobb) mtbethelchristian.org	1	770-971-0245	PreK-12th	692	\$12,500-\$18,350/yr.	Christian
North Cobb Christian School 4500 Eagle Dr., Kennesaw (Cobb) ncchristian.org	1	770-975-0252	PreK3-12th	1,150	\$7,160-\$17,720/yr.	Christian
Notre Dame Academy 4635 River Green Pkwy., Duluth (Gwinnett) ndacademy.org	2	678-387-9385	K-12th	300	\$14,600-\$18,175/yr.	Catholic
Omni International School 3940 Cascade Rd., Atlanta (Fulton) omnischoolatl.com	5	404-865-1463	PreK2-6th	75	\$6,875-\$13,475/yr.	
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School 1320 Hearst Dr., Atlanta (DeKalb) olaschool.org	3	404-364-1902	PreK4-8th	566	\$10,170-\$11,670/yr.	Catholic
Pace Academy 966 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) paceacademy.org	3	404-262-1345	Pre1-12th	1,150	\$30,160-\$34,720/yr.	
The Paideia School 1509 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) paideiaschool.org	3	404-377-3491	3yrs.-12th	1,020	\$13,143-\$29,151/yr.	
Peachtree Academy 1801 Ellington Rd., 1760 Ebenezer Rd., Conyers (Rockdale); 10125 Hwy. 142, and 14101 Hwy. 278, Covington (Newton) peachtreeacademy.com	6	770-860-8900	PreK-12th	484	\$5,900-\$11,000/yr.	
Perimeter School 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) perimeterschool.org	2	678-405-2300	K-8th	504	\$7,296-\$15,634/yr.	Christian
Pinecrest Academy 955 Peachtree Pkwy., Cumming (Forsyth) pinecrestacademy.org	2	770-888-4477	PreK-12th	475	\$10,130-\$20,180/yr.	Catholic
Porter Academy 200 Cox Rd., Roswell (Fulton) porteracademy.org	2	770-594-1313	4-14yrs.	70	\$20,476/yr.	Speech and language, occupational therapy
Providence Christian Academy 4575 Lawrenceville Hwy., Lilburn (Gwinnett) providencechristianacademy.org	4	770-279-7200	PreK-12th	740	\$7,200-\$20,200/yr.	Christian
Queen of Angels Catholic School 11340 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) qaschool.org	2	770-518-1804	K-8th	490	\$9,570-\$11,170/yr.	Catholic
Restoration Community Academy 410 Rucker Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton) restorationcommunityacademy.com	2	470-496-5689	K-6th	22	\$7,900/yr.	Christian
Rivers Academy 38 North Main St., Alpharetta (Fulton) riversacademy.com	2	770-475-0081	5th-12th	261	\$11,240/yr.	
Riverstone Montessori 455 Casteel Rd., Marietta (Cobb) riverstonemontessori.com	1	770-422-9194	2.5yrs.-9th	120	\$10,980-\$18,300/yr.	Montessori

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The SAE School 6688 Mableton Pkwy., Mableton (Cobb) saeschool.org	1	678-239-3200	Preschool-8th	340	\$11,400-\$13,200/yr.	
Sage School 800 Satellite Blvd. NE, Suwanee (Gwinnett) sageschool.net	4	678-318-3588	K-6th	80	\$26,500-\$27,000/yr.	Dyslexia
Saint Francis Schools 13440 Cogburn Rd., and 9375 Willeo Rd., Alpharetta and Roswell (Fulton) saintfrancisschools.com	2	770-641-8257	K-12th	850	\$15,500-\$25,000/yr.	
Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School 7171 Glenridge Dr. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) saintjude.net	3	770-394-2880	PreK-8th	500	\$9,920-\$12,060/yr.	Catholic
Saint Thomas More Catholic School 630 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur (DeKalb) stmga.org	3	404-373-8456	K-8th	475	\$9,065-\$12,485/yr.	Catholic
The Schenck School 282 Mt. Paran Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) schenck.org	3	404-252-2591	K-6th	250	\$39,800/yr.	Dyslexia
Shallowford Presbyterian School 2375 Shallowford Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) shallowfordschool.com	3	404-321-3061	2yrs.-8th	250	\$2,025-\$10,000/yr.	Presbyterian
Springmont School 5750 Long Island Dr. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) springmont.com	3	404-252-3910	18mos.-8th	275	\$11,550-\$25,000/yr.	Montessori
St. Benedict's Episcopal School 2160 Cooper Lake Rd., Smyrna (Cobb) stbs.org	1	678-279-4300	Infant-8th	610	\$8,728-\$14,990/yr.	Episcopalian
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School 1618 Ben King Rd., Kennesaw (Cobb) scsiena.org	1	770-419-8601	K-8th	314	\$8,558-\$9,500/yr.	Catholic
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School 240 Arnold St., Hapeville (Fulton) sjecs.org	3	404-767-4312	PreK-8th	280	\$8,833-\$10,538/yr.	Catholic
St. John Neumann Catholic School 791 Tom Smith Rd., Lilburn (Gwinnett) sjnracs.org	4	770-381-0557	PreK-8th	335	\$9,100-\$11,788/yr.	Catholic
St. Joseph Catholic School 81 Lacy St. NW, Marietta (Cobb) stjosephschool.org	1	770-428-3328	PreK4-8th	425	\$7,946-\$10,322/yr	Catholic
St. Martin's Episcopal School 3110-A Ashford-Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta (DeKalb) stmartinschool.org	3	404-237-4260	8wks.-8th	660	\$14,060-\$31,500/yr.	Episcopalian
St. Mary's Academy 861 GA. 279, Fayetteville (Fayette) mercycatholic.org	5	770-461-2202	PreK-12th	260	\$9,900/yr.-\$14,300/yr.	Catholic
St. Paul Lutheran School 700 Ardenlee Pkwy, Peachtree City (Fayette) stpaulptc.org	5	770-486-3545	18mos.-8th	240	\$3,380-\$8,000/yr.	Christian
St. Pius X Catholic High School 2674 Johnson Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) spx.org	3	404-636-3023	9th-12th	1,069	\$15,700-\$17,200/yr.	Catholic
The Stonehaven School 1480 Joyner Ave., and 1650 Old Concord Rd., Marietta (Cobb) stonehavenschool.org	1	770-874-8885	K5-12th	262	\$2,500-\$12,300/yr.	

Schools At-A-Glance

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Strong Rock Christian School 4200 Strong Rock Pkwy, Locust Grove (Henry) strongrockchristianschool.com	6	678-833-1200	PreK3-12th	953	\$11,586-\$15,995/yr.	Christian
Sugar Hill Christian Academy 4600 Nelson Brogdon Blvd., Sugar Hill (Gwinnett) sugarhillchristian.org	4	678-745-4121	Preschool-12th	510	\$2,383-\$10,751/yr.	Christian
Swift School 300 Grimes Bridge Rd., Roswell (Fulton) theswiftschool.org	2	678-205-4988	1st-8th	180	\$34,000-\$35,000/yr.	Dyslexia and language based learning differences
Tabula Rasa Language Academy 5855 Riverside Dr., Atlanta and 11035 Jones Bridge Rd., Alpharetta (Fulton), 1430 Riverside Pkwy., Lawrenceville (Gwinnett) trlanguages.com	3 2 4	404-409-0827	2mos.-5th	450	\$14,400-\$19,200/yr.	
Torah Day School of Atlanta 1985 Lavista Rd. NE, Atlanta (DeKalb) torahday.org	3	404-982-0800	K-8th	350	\$13,650-\$15,750/yr.	Jewish
Trinity School 4301 Northside Pkwy. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) trinityatl.org	3	404-231-8100	3yrs.-6th	600	\$19,500-\$30,000/yr.	
Village Montessori 1610 Woodstock Rd., Roswell (Fulton) vmschool.com	2	770-552-0834	18mos.-8th	200	\$6,450-\$16,450/yr.	Montessori
The Waldorf School of Atlanta 827 Kirk Rd., Decatur (DeKalb) waldorfatlanta.org	3	404-377-1315	PreK-8th	230	\$13,250-\$19,760/yr.	
The Walker School 700 Cobb Pkwy., Marietta (Cobb) thewalkerschool.org	1	770-427-2689	PreK3-12th	920	\$14,820-\$27,170/yr.	
The Wardlaw School of the Atlanta Speech School 3160 Northside Pkwy. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) atlantaspeechschool.org	3	404-834-7622	K-6th	189	\$38,890/yr.	Dyslexia
The Weber School 6751 Roswell Rd. NE, Atlanta (Fulton) weberschool.org	3	404-917-2500	9th-12th	587	\$32,900/yr.	Transdenominational/Jewish
Wesleyan School 5405 Spalding Dr., Peachtree Corners (Gwinnett) wesleyanschool.org	2	770-448-7640	K-12th	1,207	\$19,560-\$27,930/yr.	Christian
Westminster 1424 W. Paces Ferry Rd. NW, Atlanta (Fulton) westminster.net	3	404-355-8673	Pre1st-12th	1,900	\$28,520-\$32,700/yr.	Christian
Whitefield Academy 1 Whitefield Dr., Smyrna (Cobb) whitefieldacademy.com	1	678-305-3000	PreK-12th	960	\$10,000-\$24,000/yr.	Christian
The Wood Acres School 1772 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta (Cobb) woodacresschool.org	1	770-971-1880	PreK2-8th	350	\$7,700-\$13,900/yr.	
Woodward Academy 1662 Rugby Ave., College Park and 6565 Boles Rd., Johns Creek (Fulton) woodward.edu	3	404-765-4001	PreK-12th	2,568	\$19,800-\$31,150/yr.	

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- **Number of Schools:** 58 traditional schools, 5 partner schools, 19 charter schools, 2 citywide single-gender academies and 3 alternative programs.
- **Pupil to teacher ratios:** 13 to 1
- **Per pupil expenditure:** \$16,524

Bartow County School System

770-606-5800

www.bartow.k12.ga.us

There are approximately 13,750 students attending Bartow County's 20 schools (K-12), with 1,134 certified employees, 62% 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 (average)
- **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,200

Buford City Schools

770-945-5035

www.bufordcityschools.org

There are 5,762 students enrolled in Buford City Schools. 79.94% percent of the 349 teachers have advanced degrees.

- **Number of Schools:** 3 elementary; 1 middle; 1 high school
- **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 14.8 to 1
- **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,717.09

Cherokee County School District

770-479-1871

www.cherokee.k12.net

CCSD has 42,000 students attending 40 schools and centers. There are 2,980 teachers in CCSD, of which 73% have advanced degrees.

- **Number of Schools:** 23 elementary; 7 middle; 6 high schools; 1 virtual school (grades 4-12); 2 alternative centers; 2 preschool centers
- **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 15 to 1
- **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,223

Clayton County Public Schools

770-473-2700

www.clayton.k12.ga.us

Clayton County has the fifth largest school system in Georgia with more than 52,000 students. Of the district's 3,284 teachers, 63% have advanced degrees.

- **Number of Schools:** 39 primary/elementary; 15 middle; 12 high schools; 1 Virtual Learning Program; 2 District-approved charter schools; 1 psychological education center; 1 multi-purpose education center; included are: 19 Special Programs/Magnet Opportunities
- **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 15.80 to 1
- **Per pupil expenditure:** \$10,147.88

Cobb County School District

770-426-3300

www.cobbk12.org

Cobb County has 112 schools supporting approximately 108,000 students. There are 10,160 certified employees; 65% have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 66 elementary; 26 middle; 17 high schools; 1 special education center; 1 adult education center; 1 performance learning center; 7 Magnet programs

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

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,643 (3-year average)



Cherokee County School District

Coweta County School System

770-254-2800

www.cowetaschools.org

Coweta County has 22,241 students and about 3,150 employees, 55% of whom are certified teaching employees. 60% of Coweta's teachers hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 19 elementary; 8 middle schools; an 8th grade Charter College and Career Academy; 3 high schools; and the school system's Donald W. Nixon Centre for the Performing and Visual Arts

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** 15 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$10,821



Cobb County School District

City Schools of Decatur

404-371-3601

www.csdecatur.net

City Schools of Decatur have 5,760 Pre-K-12 students attending 10 schools. Of the district's 547 certified staff, more than 83.5% hold advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 10 total; 1 early childhood learning center; 5 kindergarten-second; 2 third-fifth; 1 middle; 1 high school

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

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$15,865.92

DeKalb County School District

678-676-1200

www.dekalbschoolsga.org

DeKalb County School District is the third largest school system in Georgia with more than 92,000 students, 138+ schools and centers and 14,000 employees, including 6,600 teachers.

■ **Number of Schools:** 139 schools. School choice options are available in nearly 50 schools to include theme, magnet, IB, charter and Montessori options.

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Kindergarten: 26 to 1; Grades 1-3: 29 to 1; Grades 4-5: 30 to 1; Grades 6-8: 30 to 1; Grades 9-12: 34 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$13,088

Douglas County School System

770-651-2000

www.dcssga.org

There are approximately 26,075 students enrolled in Douglas County School System's 36 schools. 69% of the 1,898 certified teaching staff have advanced degrees. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, students have the option to attend school digitally from home or face-to-face in schools. The One-to-One technology initiative provides an individual learning device (Chromebook or laptop) for each student and teacher.

■ **Number of Schools:** 20 elementary; 8 middle; 5 high schools; 1 Success Center; 1 College & Career Institute; 1 FLEX Academy

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Meets or is below state mandates

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,517

Fayette County Public Schools

770-460-3535

www.fcboe.org

Fayette County Public Schools has 20,080 students. 74% of the 1,525 teachers have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 14 elementary; 5 middle; 5 high schools; Fayette LIFE Academy (specialty school)

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 13.52 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,117.53 (2021)

Forsyth County Schools

770-887-2461

www.forsyth.k12.ga.us

More than 53,500 students attend Forsyth County's 42 schools. There are over 4,006 certified employees in the system.

■ **Number of Schools:** 23 elementary; 11 middle; 7 high schools and one 9-12 college and career academy

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 20 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,803

Fulton County Schools

470-254-3600

www.fultonschools.org

Fulton County has more than 89,450 students and 6,900 certified staff members at 106 schools.

■ **Number of Schools:** 59 elementary (many with Pre-K programs); 19 middle; 18 high schools (2 with open campuses); 9 charter schools; 1 virtual school

■ **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:** \$12,880 (estimated)

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Gainesville City School System

770-536-5275

www.gcssk12.net

8,025 students attend Gainesville City's eight schools. 520 teachers are employed by the system, and 55% of them have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 6 elementary; 2 middle schools; 1 high school

■ **Pupil to teacher ratios:** Pre-K: 21 to 1; Grades K-5: 13 to 1; Grades 6-8: 15 to 1; Grades 9-12: 18 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,814.76

Gwinnett County Public Schools

678-301-6000

www.gcpsk12.org

With close to 180,000 students attending 142 educational facilities, Gwinnett County is the largest school system in Georgia. The average GCPs teacher holds a Master's degree or higher advanced degree and has 14 years of experience.

■ **Number of Schools:** 81 elementary; 29 middle; 24 high schools; 8 other educational facilities

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

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$10,182

Hall County Schools

770-534-1080

www.hallco.org

There are 27,180 students enrolled in Hall County's 37 schools. There are 2,271 certified staff, and 1,576 of those have advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 20 elementary; 8 middle; 7 high schools; 1 college & career academy; 1 alternative learning center

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 14 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$9,937.77

Henry County Schools

770-957-6601

www.henry.k12.ga.us

There are 43,000 students served by 6,000+ employees, with 2,174 combined advanced degrees.

■ **Number of Schools:** 50 schools over 10 clusters, 3 academies and 9 Pre-K programs

■ **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:** \$10,413

Marietta City Schools

770-422-3500

www.marietta-city.org

Some 8,967 students attend Marietta City's 12 schools. There are 1,400 employees with 75% of certified staff holding a Master's degree or higher.

■ **Number of Schools:** 1 preschool; 8 elementary (one is grades 3-5 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math [STEAM] Magnet school); 1 sixth grade academy; 1 middle; 1 high school

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 15 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$14,473



Douglas County School System

Paulding County School District

770-443-8000

www.paulding.k12.ga.us

The Paulding County School District has 34 schools, 31,302 students and 2,618 teachers. 70% of the teachers hold advanced degrees.

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

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** Kindergarten: 21 to 1; Grades 1-3: 22 to 1; Grades 4-5: 28 to 1; Grades 6-8: 28 to 1; Grades 9-12: 22 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,008

Rockdale County Public Schools

770-483-4713

www.rockdaleschools.org

There are 15,174 students attending Rockdale County Public Schools. Approximately 71% of the 1,458 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; elementary, middle and high school virtual programs

■ **Pupil to teacher ratio:** 11.3 to 1

■ **Per pupil expenditure:** \$11,517.18



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Education for children with special needs presents challenges that often can be hard to navigate. With hundreds of programs to choose from and various therapies to think about, how do you know which decision is best for your child? When choosing a school for your child with special needs, whether public or private, here are some questions to think about:

- How is the school organized into departments? Is it by age, ability or subject groups?
- How does this change as my child gets older?
- How many staffers are there in the school?
 - a. teaching
 - b. non-teaching/support staff
 - c. employed to work with children with special needs
- What will the school do to make sure that all the staff knows about my child's individual needs?
- How many children will be in my child's class?
- How will the other children be helped to understand my child's special needs?
- How will my child be helped to make friends?
- When and how often are children taught out of the classroom?
- How does the school arrange extra support for children who need it?
- How does the school help children learn how to behave and make the school a happy place?
- How will my child be encouraged to take part in out-of-class or out-of-school activities such as clubs or sports events?

- How does the school deal with bullying?
- How is the children's work assessed for progress?
- What happens if the staff feels my child is not making adequate progress?
- What should I do if I feel my child is not making progress or if I have any concerns?
- How does the school make sure that all children have equal opportunities to take part in school trips?
- How often are written reports sent home?
- How will I be involved in the individual planning for my child's special educational needs?
- How will I be kept up to date about what is happening in school? Does the school produce a regular newsletter?
- What health or medical facilities does the school have?



- How will my child get to know the school routine, especially in the first few days after starting?
- How will the school make sure my child has the chance to take part in all areas of the curriculum?
- Are all the areas of the school accessible to my child or will adaptations be necessary?



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Field Trip!

Reinforce Educational Concepts by Taking a School or Family Field Trip

Plan Ahead

- **Pick a destination** that fits the area of interest you plan to explore.
- **Schedule the trip as far in advance** as you can. Some venues offer group discounts, so ask how many you need in a group to qualify. For popular destinations, visits made early in the week will be less crowded.
- **If you're taking a group**, talk with your guide in advance to tailor the visit to your group's interests.
- **Make sure you have enough chaperones** for your group – a good ratio is one adult per five children – and make sure the chaperones know the itinerary, have a list of each child's name and a list of the items each child should see, and they know where and when to meet if the group splits up.
- **If taking a large group**, outfitting the kids in their school shirts or fluorescent T-shirts will help chaperones keep track.
- **Before the field trip**, gather information from the destination's website, read books, watch videos or take virtual field trips. Make sure the kids have a good basic knowledge of the place they'll be visiting and why they'll be there.

The Big Day

- **Be prepared for the weather** and pack appropriately, whether it's an umbrella, sunscreen and towels, or gloves and a warm coat. Be sure each child has comfortable walking shoes.
- **Bring extra cash** and stash it separately from your purse or wallet, in case either is lost or stolen.
- **Make sure each child eats breakfast**, but bring portable healthy snacks for later in the day, such as boxes of raisins.
- **Add a little fun – and educational value** – to the trip by asking each child to complete an activity during the visit. At Zoo Atlanta, for instance, they could keep track of how many newborn animals they see.
- **Make sure each child knows his contact information** (phone numbers, where parents work), or chaperones have a contact list.
- **Emphasize that children need to stay together** as a group, and tell them what to do if they get separated.
- **Sing songs on the way** to the location to set the mood. "Old McDonald Had a Farm" is a natural for a visit to a farm.



Four Tips for Field Trip Success

- **Make sure everyone wears nametags**, even the teachers and chaperones.
- **Use the buddy system.** Make sure everyone in the group sticks to their assigned partner.
- **Schedule out the day.** Keep it moving – kids are less likely to get in trouble or wander around if they're occupied!
- **Set some ground rules** for behavior and make sure everyone knows the consequences of misbehaving.

The Days After

- **Discuss what you've seen** and how it relates to your community or how an event in history shaped the children's lives today.
- **If your group had its own guide** or got other special treatment, be sure to thank the venue that provided it. Writing a thank-you note to your guide or the organization teaches children etiquette.
- **Kids often get more interested in a subject after a field trip.** Be sure to follow up with more information and activities related to the trip.

– Sue Price and Amanda Allen



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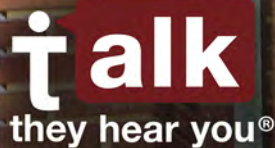
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