Parents send their children to private schools for a variety of reasons. Some select private schools for religious or philosophical reasons. Others value smaller class sizes and individualized attention for their children. Then there are parents who are focused on the highest possible learning standards, advanced placement courses, and rigorous college preparation that leads to enhanced academic opportunities. The Dallas-Fort Worth area offers a variety of private institutions—some religious, some secular, and some with special niches. Well-known institutions include St. Mark’s School of Texas (Dallas), Hockaday School (Dallas), Greenhill School (Addison), Episcopal School of Dallas, Yavneh Academy of Dallas, Fort Worth Country Day School, and Trinity Valley.

Private High Schools

Ranked by 2019-20 Tuition*

1. The Hockaday School, $32,900
2. St. Mark’s School of Texas, $32,861
3. Greenhill School, $32,615
4. Shelton School, $31,500
5. Parish Episcopal School, $30,590
6. The Episcopal School of Dallas, $30,400
7. Alcuin School, $29,400
8. The Winston School Dallas, $28,800
9. Yavneh Academy, $28,000
10. Fort Worth Country Day, $25,240
11. Trinity Valley School, $24,190
12. Dallas Academy, $24,000
13. The Oakridge School, $23,980
14. Vanguard Preparatory School, $23,500
15. All Saints Episcopal School Fort Worth, $23,440
16. Lakehill Preparatory School, $23,400
17. The St. Anthony School, $23,310
18. Dallas International School, $23,200
19. The Cambridge School of Dallas, $23,100
20. Ursuline Academy of Dallas, $22,900
21. Bridge Builder Academy, $22,500
22. Trinity Christian Academy Addison, $21,980
23. Prestonwood Christian Academy, $21,635
24. Bending Oaks School, $21,600
25. Cistercian Preparatory School, $21,250
26. Hill School of Fort Worth, $20,990
27. Fairhill School, $20,900
28. The Novus Academy, $20,850
29. The Covenant School of Dallas, $20,500
30. The Selwyn School, $20,030
31. The Westwood School Upper School Campus, $19,985
32. Jesuit College Preparatory School, $19,950
33. The Key School, $19,250
34. Southwest Christian School, $19,150
35. Liberty Christian School, $19,020
36. John Paul II High School, $18,550
37. Prince of Peace Christian School Carrollton, $18,510
38. Legacy Christian Academy, $18,500
39. Dallas Christian School, $17,361
40. Covenant Christian Academy, $18,060
41. Bishop Lynch High School, $18,000
42. E.A. Young Academy, $17,500
43. Grapevine Faith Christian School, $17,350
44. Fort Worth Christian School, $17,050
45. Nolan Catholic High School, $17,000
46. Yorktown Education, $17,000
47. The Clarendon School, $16,433
48. Bishop Dunne Catholic High School, $16,250
49. The Highlands School, $16,000
50. Covenant Classical School, $15,925
51. Northstar School, $15,900
52. Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep*, $15,725
53. McNay Christian Academy, $15,725

*Sliding scale based on family income and household size. Family contributions vary from $500-$2,500 per year.

Researching Schools

The Dallas-Fort Worth region offers a wide range of private school options. Some of the terms you will encounter as you look at private school options include:

- **Learning differences schools** – These schools provide for students with learning differences across the spectrum and can range from pre-K through 12th grade.
- **Boarding schools** – Several of the single-gender private schools offer full-time boarding as well as day student options.
- **Language/culture specific** – Some schools offer immersion in specific languages, like French, Chinese and Japanese. Many of these schools offer Saturday and summer options for families who want students to attend a traditional school and supplement with cultural and language immersion.
- **Montessori method** – This is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. Schools incorporating this self-direction and discovery method are located across the region, but they generally do not extend beyond elementary. A number of public districts also have a Montessori choice option within the district.
- **Classical** – These schools are usually characterized by small class sizes and a classics-based education, normally with fewer team athletic options.
- **College preparatory** – Prep schools focus on academic rigor in preparation for demanding collegiate programs.
- **Religious/parochial** – Some schools are associated with specific religious denominations or churches and incorporate religious teaching as part of the curriculum.