

# Schools—Private Education

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 School (Fort Worth).

## Private High Schools

Ranked by 2024-25 Tuition\*

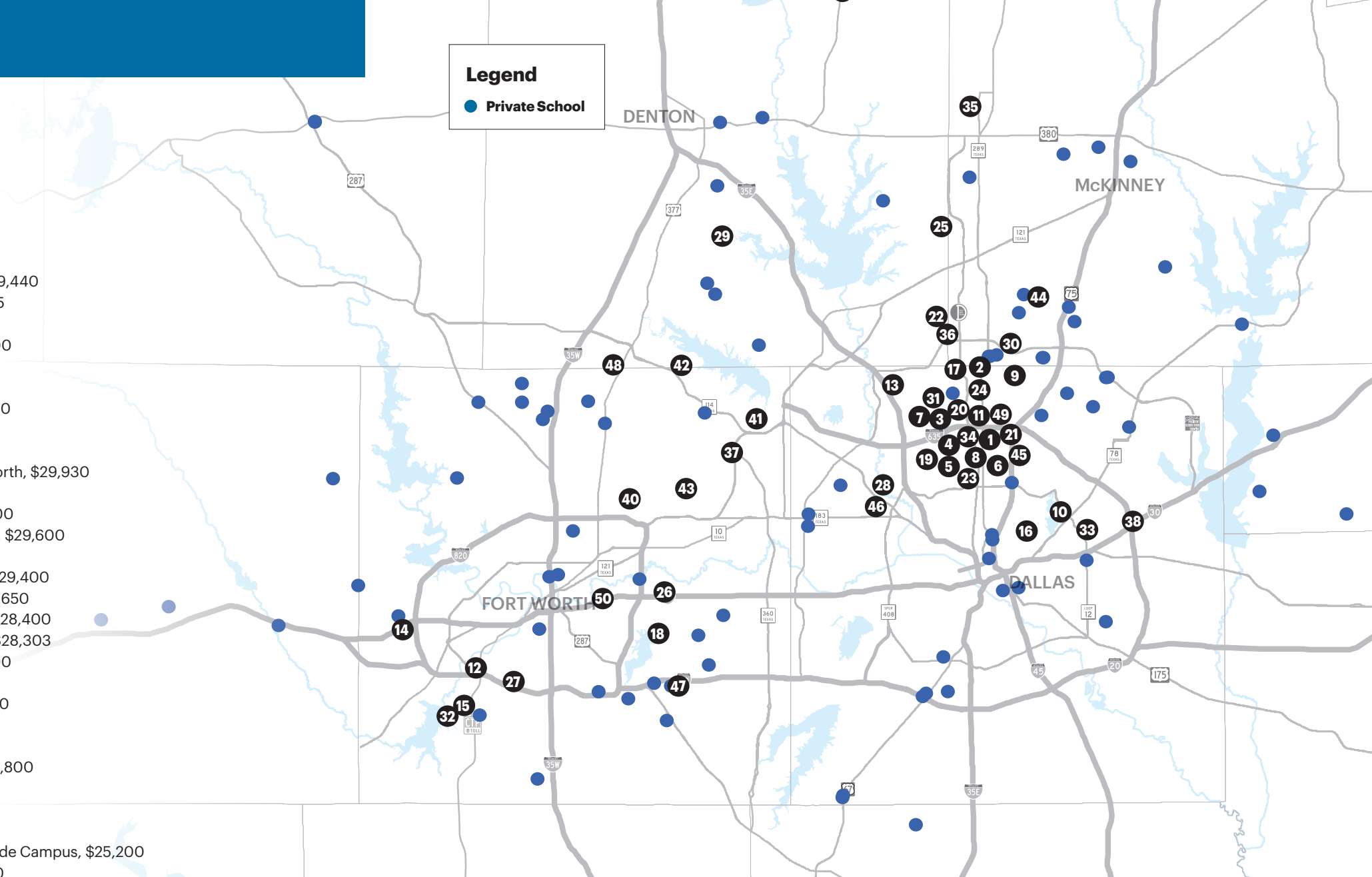
- 1 Alcuin School, \$42,148
- 2 Shelton School, \$41,700
- 3 Greenhill School, \$39,770
- 4 The Hockaday School, \$39,510
- 5 The Episcopal School of Dallas, \$39,440
- 6 St. Mark’s School of Texas, \$39,355
- 7 Parish Episcopal School, \$37,500
- 8 The Winston School Dallas, \$34,800
- 9 Bridge Builder Academy, \$32,000
- 10 Dallas Academy, \$30,840
- 11 Dallas International School, \$30,700
- 12 Fort Worth Country Day, \$30,620
- 13 The St. Anthony School, \$30,000
- 14 All Saints Episcopal School Fort Worth, \$29,930
- 15 Trinity Valley School, \$29,810
- 16 Lakehill Preparatory School, \$29,700
- 17 Trinity Christian Academy Addison, \$29,600
- 18 The Oakridge School, \$29,460
- 19 The Cambridge School of Dallas, \$29,400
- 20 Vanguard Preparatory School, \$28,650
- 21 Akiba Yavneh Academy of Dallas, \$28,400
- 22 Prestonwood Christian Academy, \$28,303
- 23 Ursuline Academy of Dallas, \$28,100
- 24 Fairhill School, \$27,900
- 25 Legacy Christian Academy, \$27,900
- 26 The Key School, \$27,100
- 27 Hill School of Fort Worth, \$26,900
- 28 Cistercian Preparatory School, \$26,800
- 29 The Selwyn School, \$26,200
- 30 John Paul II High School, \$25,300
- 31 The Westwood School, \$25,295
- 32 Southwest Christian School-Lakeside Campus, \$25,200
- 33 Bishop Lynch High School, \$25,100
- 34 Jesuit College Preparatory High School, \$24,950
- 35 Prestonwood Christian Academy - North Campus, \$24,081
- 36 Prince of Peace Christian School Carrollton, \$22,990
- 37 The Novus Academy, \$22,985
- 38 Dallas Christian School, \$22,762
- 39 Liberty Christian School, \$22,378
- 40 Fort Worth Christian School, \$22,200
- 41 Grapevine Faith Christian School, \$21,790
- 42 The Clariden School, \$21,450
- 43 Covenant Christian Academy, \$21,128
- 44 Great Lakes Academy, \$21,000
- 45 Dallas Lutheran School, \$20,650
- 46 The Highlands School, \$20,100
- 47 Northstar School, \$19,800
- 48 E.A. Young Academy, \$19,700
- 49 Mesorah High School for Girls, \$19,450
- 50 Nolan Catholic High School, \$19,400

Source: Texas Private School Accreditation Commission and School websites

\*Most recent tuition costs provided, not including other fees. Only schools offering 12th grade are shown. Tuition costs are for 12th grade, and when applicable: for a single child enrolled (no multi-child discounts); for resident students (not international); for non-parishioners; and for payment plan premium.

## Private School Calendar

- Testing for private schools often takes place in the fall
- Enrollment is in January or February
- School typically starts earlier in August



## 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.