

Schools—Private Education

In Dallas–Fort Worth, parents have the option to select private schools to access a customized educational experience tailored to their child’s specific strengths. Whether driven by faith-based values, a desire for low student-to-teacher ratios, or a focus on highly competitive academic tracks, the region’s private schools deliver world-class results. From traditional college-prep academies to innovative Montessori and microschool models, the options are vast.

Prestigious hallmarks of the regional landscape include Dallas’ St. Mark’s, Hockaday, and Greenhill, alongside The Episcopal School of Dallas and Yavneh Academy. In Tarrant County, Trinity Valley School and Fort Worth Country Day maintain long-standing reputations for excellence. With state-of-the-art facilities and a commitment to holistic development, these schools offer relocating families a wealth of choices to ensure their children are well-prepared for the demands of a rapidly evolving global economy.

Private schools generally follow the same process for families interested in attending. Testing for private schools often takes place in the fall. For students accepted to a school, enrollment is generally in January or February. The school year typically begins in early August.

School Choice

In 2025, the Texas Legislature passed SB2, which authorized the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program. TEFA allows eligible families to access public education funds in an account to pay for private school tuition, homeschooling, tutoring, and other approved educational expenses.

- Typical families will receive about \$10,500 annually with higher amounts available for children with disabilities.
- Income criteria will be used to prioritize applicants if demand exceeds the State’s \$1 billion allocation.
- Strict family identification and residency documentation is required.

For complete program details, visit educationfreedom.texas.gov

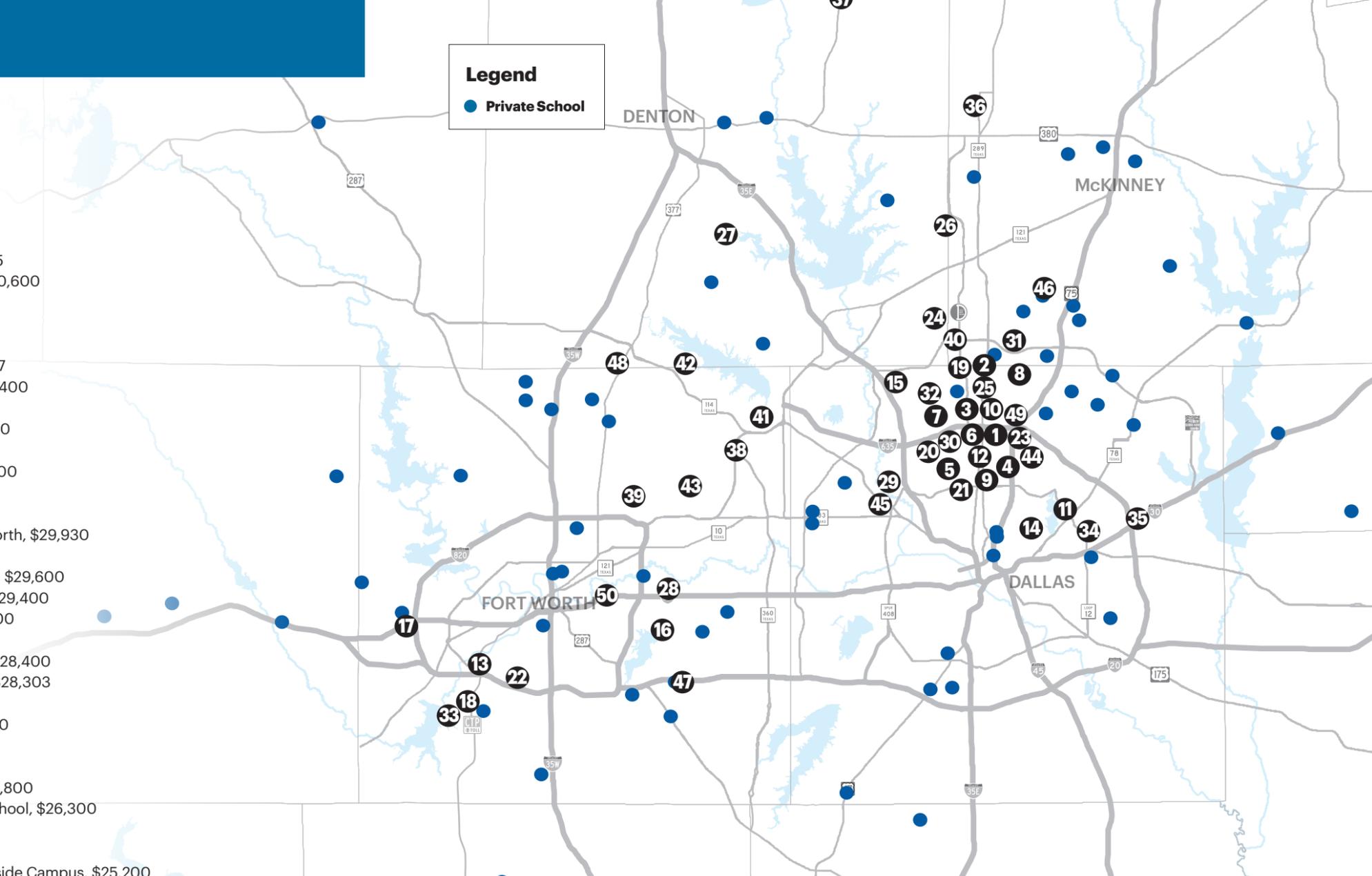
Private High Schools

Ranked by 2025-26 Tuition*

- 1 Alcuin School, \$42,148
- 2 Shelton School, \$41,700
- 3 Greenhill School, \$41,620
- 4 St. Mark’s School of Texas, \$40,735
- 5 The Episcopal School of Dallas, \$40,600
- 6 The Hockaday School, \$39,510
- 7 Parish Episcopal School, \$39,080
- 8 Bridge Builder Academy, \$38,500
- 9 The Winston School Dallas, \$35,277
- 10 Vanguard Preparatory School, \$31,400
- 11 Dallas Academy, \$30,840
- 12 Dallas International School, \$30,700
- 13 Fort Worth Country Day, \$30,620
- 14 Lakehill Preparatory School, \$30,600
- 15 The St. Anthony School, \$30,500
- 16 The Oakridge School, \$30,250
- 17 All Saints Episcopal School Fort Worth, \$29,930
- 18 Trinity Valley School, \$29,810
- 19 Trinity Christian Academy Addison, \$29,600
- 20 The Cambridge School of Dallas, \$29,400
- 21 Ursuline Academy of Dallas, \$29,200
- 22 Hill School of Fort Worth, \$28,700
- 23 Akiba Yavneh Academy of Dallas, \$28,400
- 24 Prestonwood Christian Academy, \$28,303
- 25 Fairhill School, \$27,900
- 26 Legacy Christian Academy, \$27,900
- 27 The Selwyn School, \$27,510
- 28 The Key School, \$27,100
- 29 Cistercian Preparatory School, \$26,800
- 30 Jesuit College Preparatory High School, \$26,300
- 31 John Paul II High School, \$25,300
- 32 The Westwood School, \$25,295
- 33 Southwest Christian School - Lakeside Campus, \$25,200
- 34 Bishop Lynch High School, \$25,100
- 35 Dallas Christian School, \$24,331
- 36 Prestonwood Christian Academy - North Campus, \$24,081
- 37 Liberty Christian School, \$23,810
- 38 The Novus Academy, \$23,800
- 39 Fort Worth Christian School, \$23,420
- 40 Prince of Peace Christian School Carrollton, \$22,990
- 41 Grapevine Faith Christian School, \$22,990
- 42 The Clariden School, \$22,400
- 43 Covenant Christian Academy, \$21,980
- 44 Dallas Lutheran School, \$21,600
- 45 The Highlands School, \$21,600
- 46 Great Lakes Academy, \$21,300
- 47 Northstar School, \$20,900
- 48 E.A. Young Academy, \$20,500
- 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 single payment.



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.