



**ENLIGHTIUM**  
ACADEMY

# School Choice Checklist

This tool will help your family to decide which education solution is right for you. Review Enlightium Academy's features and benefits in comparison to other schooling options you may be researching. We want you to choose the one that's right for you!

## Student-Centered Learning

	ENLIGHTIUM ACADEMY	PUBLIC SCHOOL	PRIVATE SCHOOL	OTHER ONLINE PROGRAM	HOMESCHOOL
Customized learning path for each student	✓				
Placement testing to assess skill level for proper academic placement	✓				
Academic advisors guide your student's journey to success	✓				
Dedicated progress team keeps student on track	✓				
Work at student's pace with flexible schedule and location	✓				
Bully-free learning environment	✓				
97.8% of students believe teachers care about academic success and emotional well-being	✓				

## Parent Involvement

Various support plans available, depending upon your family's needs	✓				
Affordable tuition and flexible payment plans	✓				
Tuition discounts available	✓				
Stay involved with routine and ad hoc parent-teacher conferences	✓				
95% of parents are satisfied with their overall experience	✓				

## Education from a Christian Worldview

Christian curriculum and Bible studies	✓				
Staff prays for students and families weekly	✓				
Worldly influence and political agendas absent from the curriculum	✓				
Peace-of-mind with a high-quality Christian education	✓				

## Enlightium Advantages

Graduates earn a high school diploma from an accredited institution	✓				
Transcripts accepted at major colleges and universities worldwide	✓				
NCAA approved coursework	✓				
Honors and AP Courses allows students to earn college credits	✓				
Accelerated program for driven students	✓				
Credit recovery options for students who have fallen behind	✓				
Rolling enrollment at any time of the year	✓				

## Academic Benefits

Complete coursework for all grade levels from preschool-12th grade	✓				
Open to students in all 50 states and internationally	✓				
Lessons translated into 22 languages	✓				
77 inspiring high school electives including foreign language, career tech education, fine arts, and general electives	✓				
Summer school program with >150 courses available	✓				
Prepares students for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	✓				

## Additional Resources and Online Benefits

Innovative, cutting-edge, online learning atmosphere	✓				
Student council provides opportunities for aspiring leaders	✓				
Enlightium Social connects students together worldwide	✓				
Teacher support available via messaging, help requests, phone support, and screen share	✓				
Orientation course and resource-rich library of materials to enable successful parent and student experience	✓				
Online store with gear you can wear year-round	✓				

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# School Type Comparison

	Online Private School	Private School	Public School	Charter School
<b>Introduction</b>	» Run and supported by private individuals or a corporation	» Run and supported by private individuals or a corporation	» Supported by public funds, providing free education to children of a community	» Receive public money, are privately run
<b>Education</b>	» Decided by school board	» Decided by school board	» Mandated by state curriculum or Common Core national standards	» Mandated by a private agency or individual, but required to meet state standards
<b>Schedule</b>	» Determined by the parent and school based on individual needs	» Dictated by the school	» A mix of graduation requirements and electives	» Few or no electives, as the school itself can be seen as an "elective"
<b>Teachers</b>	» May or may not be certified but often hold at least a graduate degree	» May or may not be certified but often hold at least a graduate degree	» Meet state-mandated requirements and have at least a BA with a major in their subject. Most hold graduate degrees.	» May have the same certification and qualifications as public schools. Some have higher qualifications in a specialized field but meet more relaxed requirements for core subjects.
<b>Technology</b>	» Top of the line technology needed for strictly online presence	» Private schools with higher tuition have more up-to-date technology.	» Can be very modern or relatively outdated.	» Charter schools can have anywhere from basic to state-of-the-art technology.
<b>Funding</b>	» Tuition, gifts, endowments, private corporations, fundraising events.	» Tuition, gifts, endowments, private corporations, fundraising events.	» Federal, state, and local taxes, grants, awards, donations.	» State tax revenue, grants, awards, donations.
<b>Accreditation Agency</b>	» Private agency	» Private agency	» State Board of Education	» Private Board
<b>Admission Criteria</b>	» Not determined by address	» Not determined by address	» Determined by address	» Determined by lottery system
<b>Purpose</b>	» Build religious foundation, provide scheduling flexibility and education tailored to unique needs	» Build religious foundation—not much education about real-life situations, such as tax and funding	» Teach children and spend money provided by the community through taxes and bond initiatives	» Provide an alternative for children in the community through specialized curriculum or alternative learning philosophy

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<b>Denial of Admission</b>	» <i>Reserves the right to deny admission if student does not meet eligibility criteria decided by the school</i>	» <i>Reserves the right to deny admission if student does not meet eligibility criteria decided by the school</i>	» <i>Cannot deny admission to any student within the designated geographical area of the school</i>	» <i>Admission is denied only if the student is eliminated by the lottery system, or does not meet attendance or grade requirements once in school</i>
<b>Transportation</b>	» <i>Not needed, unless part of a co-op</i>	» <i>Provided by school or arranged by student</i>	» <i>Provided by school within designated area</i>	» <i>Arranged by student.</i>
<b>Class Size</b>	» <i>One-on-one support</i>	» <i>Roughly 16 occupants or less. Rarely more.</i>	» <i>About 20–25 per room.</i>	
<b>Social Life</b>	» <i>May be more secluded from peers if not actively planned—left to interact with an older generation, aiding maturity.</i>	» <i>More secluded groups. Students get to know other students more deeply. No preparation in elementary or junior high schools. High school shows a variety if in a co-ed school.</i>	» <i>Larger pool allows for more social interaction. Increased opportunities for sports, clubs, community service groups, and other after-school activities help broaden students' boundaries. Good preparation for social pressures of college.</i>	» <i>Greater camaraderie among all classes—entire school may be like a family because of smaller class sizes, and older kids may help the younger ones. Students are eligible to join teams of nearest public school.</i>
<b>School Calendar</b>	» <i>Set by school, but flexible</i>	» <i>Set by school</i>	» <i>Decided by district</i>	
<b>Bullying</b>	» <i>Usually not applicable, but enables parents to be directly involved</i>	» <i>Handled by principal or dean of students. Usually punished with suspension or in-school suspension.</i>	» <i>Teachers are trained to intervene, and many schools have cameras. Hard to manage with many students.</i>	
<b>Religious Affiliations</b>	» <i>Can have religious affiliations</i>	» <i>Can have religious affiliations</i>	» <i>None</i>	
<b>Curriculum</b>	» <i>May create own curriculum</i>	» <i>May create own curriculum</i>	» <i>State or Common Core</i>	» <i>Varies by school</i>
<b>Cost</b>	» <i>Less expensive than private</i>	» <i>More expensive than online</i>	» <i>Free</i>	» <i>Free</i>
<b>Administration</b>	» <i>Boards and directors are elected or appointed</i>	» <i>Boards and directors are either elected or appointed</i>	» <i>Districts and boards are under guidance from state education departments.</i>	» <i>Private boards and directors are under guidance of authorizing jurisdictions, which vary by school.</i>
<b>Locations</b>	» <i>All 50 states</i>	» <i>All 50 states and the District of Columbia</i>	» <i>All 50 states and the District of Columbia</i>	» <i>All 50 states and the District of Columbia EXCEPT Alabama, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and West Virginia</i>



## High School Tuition Comparison Chart

Support Plan Features	Bronze	Silver	Silver +	Gold	Diamond
Teacher-led Individualized Instruction		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading and Feedback (daily)		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading (twice a week)	√				
Parent-led Teaching	√				
Online-based Curriculum	√	√	√	√	√
5 Core Subjects with Electives	√	√	√	√	√
Over 43 Career Focused Electives	√	√	√	√	√
Christian-based Curriculum - KJV	√	√	√	√	√
Individualized Learning Plan	√	√	√	√	√
Academic Coaching Support	√	√	√	√	√
Record Keeping/Admin Support	√	√	√	√	√
Honors High School Courses		√	√	√	√
AP Courses				√	√
NCAA Approved High School Courses		√	√	√	√
College Preparatory Curriculum		√	√	√	√
Student Individualized Plan Review & Optimization	1 / year	1 / semester	1 / quarter	1 / month	2 / month
Teacher Support via Messaging (within 24 hours)		√	√	√	√
Priority Email/Messaging Support (within 1 hour)			√	√	√
Customized Projects based on Student Talents			√	√	√
Teacher Support via Phone				√	√
Teacher Support via Whiteboard Session				√	√
Teacher Support via Video/Skype					√
Extended Support Hours					√
Priority Teacher/Admin Support via Phone					√
International Student Program		√			
24x7 Access to Online School	√	√	√	√	√
Online Learning Management System	√	√	√	√	√
Customer Service and Technical Support	√	√	√	√	√
College and Career Counseling via Email		√	√	√	√
College and Career Counseling via Phone				√	√
Access to Student Social Platform	√	√	√	√	√
Accredited Transcripts	√	√	√	√	√
Tuition Discounts (up to 25% off)*	√	√	√	√	√
Affordable Monthly Payment Plan	√	√	√	√	√
14-day Money Back Guarantee	√	√	√	√	√
\$150 Enrollment Fee Per Student	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Annual Tuition for Full-Time Students:</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Silver +</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Diamond</b>
Standard High School Tuition	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$7,000
10 Monthly Payments	\$140	\$210	\$280	\$350	\$700
Prepaid Tuition with 25% Off	\$1,050	\$1,575	\$2,100	\$2,625	\$5,250



## Middle School Tuition Comparison Chart

Support Plan Features	Bronze	Silver	Silver +	Gold	Diamond
Teacher-led Individualized Instruction		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading and Feedback (daily)		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading (twice a week)	√				
Parent-led Teaching	√				
Online-based Curriculum for Grades 6-8	√	√	√	√	√
5 Core Subjects with 1 Elective	√	√	√	√	√
Over 43 Career Focused Electives	√	√	√	√	√
Christian-based Curriculum - KJV	√	√	√	√	√
Individualized Learning Plan	√	√	√	√	√
Academic Coaching Support	√	√	√	√	√
Record Keeping/Admin Support	√	√	√	√	√
Honors High School Courses		√	√	√	√
AP Courses				√	√
NCAA Approved High School Courses		√	√	√	√
College Preparatory Curriculum		√	√	√	√
Student Individualized Plan Review & Optimization	1 / year	1 / semester	1 / quarter	1 / month	2 / month
Teacher Support via Messaging (within 24 hours)		√	√	√	√
Priority Email/Messaging Support (within 1 hour)			√	√	√
Customized Projects based on Student Talents			√	√	√
Teacher Support via Phone				√	√
Teacher Support via Whiteboard Session				√	√
Teacher Support via Video/Skype					√
Extended Support Hours					√
Priority Teacher/Admin Support via Phone					√
International Student Program		√			
24x7 Access to Online School	√	√	√	√	√
Online Learning Management System	√	√	√	√	√
Customer Service and Technical Support	√	√	√	√	√
College and Career Counseling via Email		√	√	√	√
College and Career Counseling via Phone				√	√
Access to Student Social Platform	√	√	√	√	√
Accredited Transcripts	√	√	√	√	√
Tuition Discounts (up to 25% off)*	√	√	√	√	√
Affordable Monthly Payment Plan	√	√	√	√	√
14-day Money Back Guarantee	√	√	√	√	√
\$150 Enrollment Fee Per Student	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Annual Tuition for Full-Time Students:</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Silver +</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Diamond</b>
Standard Middle School Tuition	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$6,000
10 Monthly Payments	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$600
Prepaid Tuition with 25% Off	\$900	\$1,350	\$1,800	\$2,250	\$4,500



## Elementary School Tuition Comparison Chart

Support Plan Features	Bronze	Silver	Silver +	Gold	Diamond
Teacher-led Individualized Instruction		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading and Feedback (daily)		√	√	√	√
Teacher-led Grading (twice a week)	√				
Parent-led Teaching	√				
Online-based Curriculum for Grades 3-5	√	√	√	√	√
5 Core Subjects	√	√	√	√	√
Christian-based Curriculum – KJV	√	√	√	√	√
Individualized Learning Plan	√	√	√	√	√
Academic Coaching Support	√	√	√	√	√
Record Keeping/Admin Support	√	√	√	√	√
Student Individualized Plan Review & Optimization	1 / year	1 / semester	1 / quarter	1 / month	2 / month
Teacher Support via Messaging (within 24 hours)		√	√	√	√
Priority Email/Messaging Support (within 1 hour)			√	√	√
Customized Projects based on Student Talents			√	√	√
Teacher Support via Phone				√	√
Teacher Support via Whiteboard Session				√	√
Teacher Support via Video/Skype					√
Extended Support Hours					√
Priority Teacher/Admin Support via Phone					√
International Student Program		√			
24x7 Access to Online School	√	√	√	√	√
Online Learning Management System	√	√	√	√	√
Customer Service and Technical Support	√	√	√	√	√
Access to Student Social Platform	√	√	√	√	√
Accredited Transcripts	√	√	√	√	√
Tuition Discounts (up to 25% off)*	√	√	√	√	√
Affordable Monthly Payment Plan	√	√	√	√	√
14-day Money Back Guarantee	√	√	√	√	√
\$150 Enrollment Fee Per Student	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Annual Tuition for Full-Time Students:</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Silver +</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Diamond</b>
Standard Elementary School Tuition	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
10 Monthly Payments	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$500
Prepaid Tuition with 25% Off	\$750	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$1,875	\$3,750

	Number of Units	Available for CRx	Flex Eligible	3 Options for Unit Quizzes and all Tests	Semester Exam and Final Exam	Located in Electives
<b>3RD GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Math	10	✓	✓			
Science	10	✓	✓			
<b>4TH GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Math	10	✓	✓			
Science	10	✓	✓			
<b>5TH GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Math	10	✓	✓			
Science	10	✓	✓			
<b>6TH GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Math*	10	✓	✓			
Science	10 Final Exam	✓	✓			
<b>7TH GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Math*	11 Final Exam	✓	✓	✓		
General Science I	10	✓	✓			
<b>8TH GRADE</b>						
Bible	10	✓	✓			
History & Geography	10	✓	✓			
Language Arts	10	✓	✓			
Pre-Algebra*	11 Final Exam	✓	✓	✓		
General Science II	10	✓	✓			

\*Also available as a CCSS aligned course.

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<b>ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS</b>						
American Literature	5	✓	✓			✓
British Literature	5	✓	✓			✓
English I	10	✓	✓		✓	
English II	10	✓	✓		✓	
English III	10	✓	✓		✓	
English IV	10	✓	✓		✓	
Speech: Essentials of Communication	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			✓
<b>HISTORY &amp; GEOGRAPHY</b>						
American History	10	✓	✓			
Civics	5	✓	✓			✓
The Civil War	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			✓
Government & Economics	11	✓	✓			
State History (All States)	See Page 2	✓	✓			✓
20th Century American History	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			✓
Vietnam Era	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			✓
World Geography	13	✓	✓			
World History	10	✓	✓			
<b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b>						
French I	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
French II	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
Spanish I	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
Spanish II	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
Spanish III	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
Spanish III	12 Semester Exam	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>BUSINESS &amp; WORKPLACE SKILLS</b>						
Business Computer Information Skills I-A	6 Semester Exam	✓	✓			✓
Business Computer Information Skills I-B	6 Semester Exam	✓	✓			✓
Essentials of Business	1 28 Lessons 13 Projects		✓			✓
Personal Financial Literacy	10	✓	✓	✓		✓

Free placement tests to determine appropriate grade levels for each subject are included within the Ignitia curriculum.



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<b>TEST PREP</b>						
ACT Test Prep	7 (includes practice test)	✓	✓			✓
GED Test Prep	5 (includes practice test)	✓	✓			✓
HiSET Test Prep	6 (includes practice test)	✓	✓			✓
TASC Test Prep	6 (includes practice test)	✓	✓			✓
<b>SCIENCE</b>						
Biology	10	✓	✓		✓	
Chemistry	10	✓	✓		✓	
Earth Science	10	✓	✓		✓	
Family & Consumer Science	10	✓	✓			✓
General Science III	10	✓	✓			✓
Integrated Physics & Chemistry	10	✓	✓		✓	✓
Physics	10	✓	✓		✓	
<b>BIBLE</b>						
Bible Doctrine	10	✓	✓			
Christian Faith & Living	10	✓	✓			
New Testament Survey	10	✓	✓			
Old Testament Survey	10	✓	✓			
Foundations for Living	10	✓	✓			✓
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Health Quest	5	✓	✓			✓
High School Health	5		✓			✓
Physical Education	1 28 Lessons 18 Projects Semester Exam					✓
Physical Fitness	6	✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>MATH</b>						
Algebra I	13	✓	✓		✓	
Algebra II*	13	✓	✓		✓	
Consumer Math	10	✓	✓			✓
Essentials of Math	7 Final Exam					✓
Fundamentals of Algebra	13	✓	✓		✓	
Geometry*	13	✓	✓		✓	
Integrated Math I	11				✓	✓
Pre-Calculus	10	✓	✓			
Trigonometry	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			✓

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<b>STATE HISTORY</b>			<b>STATE HISTORY</b>		
Alabama	5	✓	Montana	1	
Alaska	1		Nebraska	1	
Arizona	5	✓	Nevada	1	
Arkansas	5	✓	New Hampshire	1	
California	5	✓	New Jersey	1	
Colorado	5	✓	New Mexico	1	
Connecticut	1		New York	5	✓
Delaware	1		North Carolina	5	✓
Florida	5	✓	North Dakota	1	
Georgia	5	✓	Ohio	5	✓
Hawaii	1		Oklahoma	5	✓
Idaho	1		Oregon	1	
Illinois	5	✓	Pennsylvania	5	✓
Indiana	5	✓	Rhode Island	1	
Iowa	1		South Carolina	5	✓
Kansas	5	✓	South Dakota	1	
Kentucky	5	✓	Tennessee	5	✓
Louisiana			Texas	5	✓
Maine	1		Utah	1	
Maryland	5	✓	Vermont	1	
Massachusetts	1		Virginia	5	✓
Michigan	5	✓	Washington	5	✓
Minnesota	1		West Virginia	1	
Mississippi	1		Wisconsin	5	✓
Missouri	5	✓	Wyoming	1	





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<b>FINE ARTS</b>						
Digital Arts	1 31 Lessons 17 Projects	✓	✓			
Music Appreciation	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			
Music Theory	6 Final Exam	✓	✓			
<b>AP COURSES</b>						
Calculus (for use with AP courses)	10				✓	✓
Comparative Government & Politics (for use with AP courses)	10				✓	✓
English Language & Composition (for use with AP courses)	12				✓	✓
Human Geography (for use with AP courses)	11				✓	✓
Macroeconomics (for use with AP courses)	7				✓	✓
U.S. Government & Politics (for use with AP courses)	10				✓	✓
U.S. History (for use with AP courses)	19				✓	✓
<b>EDUCATIONAL FUTURE</b>						
College Planner	5	✓	✓			✓



	Number of Units	Flex Eligible	Located in Electives
<b>ARCHITECTURE &amp; CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER</b>			
Construction Careers	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Architecture & Construction	6	✓	✓
<b>ARTS, A/V TECHNOLOGY, &amp; COMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER</b>			
A/V Technology & Film Careers	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications	6	✓	✓
<b>BUSINESS &amp; ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER</b>			
Business Law	6	✓	✓
Career Management	6	✓	✓
Office Applications I (2010 or 2013) Microsoft® Word®, PowerPoint®, and Publisher®	6		✓
Office Applications II (2010 or 2013) Microsoft® Word®, PowerPoint®, and Publisher®	6		✓
Small Business Entrepreneurship	6	✓	✓
Technology & Business	6	✓	✓
<b>EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING CLUSTER</b>			
Introduction to Careers in Education & Training	6	✓	✓
Teaching & Training Careers	6	✓	✓
<b>FINANCE CLUSTER</b>			
Banking Services Careers	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Finance	6	✓	✓
<b>GOVERNMENT &amp; PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER</b>			
Introduction to Careers in Government & Public Administration	6	✓	✓
National Security Careers	6	✓	✓
<b>HEALTH SCIENCE CLUSTER</b>			
Careers in Allied Health	6	✓	✓
Nursing: Unlimited Possibilities and Unlimited Potential	6	✓	✓
<b>HUMAN SERVICES CLUSTER</b>			
Introduction to Consumer Services	6	✓	✓

	Number of Units	Flex Eligible	Located in Electives
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER CLUSTER</b>			
Fundamentals of Computer Systems	6	✓	✓
Fundamentals of Digital Media	6	✓	✓
Fundamentals of Programming & Software Development	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Information Technology	6	✓	✓
Support & Services	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Network Systems	6	✓	✓
Network System Design	6	✓	✓
New Applications: Web Development in the 21st Century	6	✓	✓
Software Development Tools	6	✓	✓
<b>MANUFACTURING CLUSTER</b>			
Careers in Manufacturing Processes	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Manufacturing	6	✓	✓
<b>MARKETING</b>			
Careers in Marketing Research	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Marketing	6	✓	✓
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES</b>			
Career Explorations I	6	✓	
Career Explorations II	6	✓	
Keyboarding & Applications	8		✓
Principles of Coding	6		✓
<b>STEM CLUSTER</b>			
Engineering & Design	6	✓	✓
Engineering & Innovation	6	✓	✓
Engineering & Product Development	6	✓	✓
<b>TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, &amp; LOGISTICS</b>			
Careers in Logistics Planning & Management Services	6	✓	✓
Introduction to Careers in Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics	6	✓	✓