

Which is the right fit for your family?

	Traditional Public School Education	Public Charter School Education	Private School Home Education	Independent Home Education
1: Learning Environment	-Full Time Classroom -School Teacher -Seated at desks	-Limited Customization -School & Parent Teachers -Home part time or full time	-Fully Customized Learning -Parent Teacher -Learn any place, any way	-Fully Customized Learning -Parent Teacher -Learn any place, any way
2: Expectations	-State Benchmarks -Teacher Lesson Plan -ESL Accommodations	-State Benchmarks -ES Teacher approves plans -Varying Accommodations	-Parent Set Goals -Parent Set Lesson Plans -Endless Accommodations	-Parent Set Goals -Parent Set Lesson Plans -Endless Accommodations
3: Individuality	-Group Learning -Limited One to One -After School Activities	-Group Learning Options -Unlimited One to One -Charter School activities	-Group Learning Options -Unlimited One to One -Private School Activities	-Individual Learning -Unlimited One to One -Parents seek out activities
4: Curriculum	-State Standards -Common Core -Non-Sectarian Curricula -Classroom Style -Required Testing	-State Standards -Common Core Choices -Non-Sectarian Curricula -Limited Customized Style -Required Testing	-Parent Chosen Materials -Optional Common Core -Religious Curricula -Customized Style -Optional Testing	-Parent Chosen Materials -Optional Common Core -Religious Curricula -Customized Style -Optional Testing
5: Socialization	-Peer Age Socializing -After School Socializing	-School Social Opportunities	-Mixed/All Ages Socializing -School Social Opportunities	-Socializing varies greatly parents find opportunities
6: Homework	-Homework is essential	-Work samples submitted	-Homework is unnecessary	-Homework is unnecessary
7: Special Needs	-Special Needs Tested -Special Needs Services -Students Separated -IEP created at school	-Special Needs Testing -Special Needs Services -Varying Resources -IEP created at school	-Special Needs Evaluated -Special Accommodations -Students Integrated -IEP created by the school	-Special Needs Nurtured -Special Accommodations -Home Privacy -IEP parent maintained
8: Support	-Teachers have authority -Teacher Parent conferences occur	-ES Teacher has authority -ES Meets with parent -Required visits	-Advisor partners with family -School supports parents -Optional meetings if needed (no required visits)	-Parents are independent -Parents may seek support online or at a church
9: Family Culture	-Faith & Beliefs are private -Traditions may be shared -No religious preferences	-Faith & Beliefs are private -Traditions may be shared -No religious preferences	-Faith & Belief are shared -Traditions celebrated -Preferences honored	-Faith & Belief at home
10: Records	-Records Created, Stored and Maintained for you with limited access	-Records Created, Stored and Maintained for you with varied access	-Records Created, Stored and Maintained for you with full access	-Records Created/Stored and Maintained by parents who must first research laws



“Be sure that your decision is a matter of conviction that has come from earnestly seeking God and hearing Him speak to your heart through His Word.” (Chapter One, *Educating the Wholehearted Child* by Clay and Sally Clarkson)