

There are more academic options today than ever before. The purpose of this document is to present the choices available to those who live in the Hamilton County area. There are traditional and virtual schools, as well as a hybrid option. There are public schools, private schools, private virtual schools, and homeschools. So if your child is not thriving in his or her current academic situation, explore the wide range of options available and find your perfect fit.

Public Charter Schools (free)

Geist Montessori Academy

<http://www.montessoriacademygeist.org/>

Grades K through 8

Hoosier Academy

<http://www.k12.com/ha/>

Hybrid school – 1 or 2 days in brick & mortar school, & 3 or 4 days virtual school at home

Grades K through 12

Indiana Connections Academy Virtual Pilot School

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/indiana-school/home.aspx>

Free Online Public School – 100% online

Grades K through 12

75% of enrollment must have been in public school prior year

Hoosier Academies Virtual School

http://www.k12.com/ha/how_it_works/virtual-pilot-school/

Free Online Public School – 100% online

Grades K through 10

75% of enrollment must have been in public school prior year

Options Charter High School in Carmel

<http://www.optionsined.org/Carmel/Welcome.html>

**for kids with challenges*

Options Charter High School in Noblesville

<http://www.optionsined.org/Noblesville/Welcome.html>

**for kids with challenges*

Public Schools (free)

Carmel Clay Schools

<http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/district/home>

Hamilton Heights School Corporation (Arcadia)

<http://www.hhsc.k12.in.us/hhsc-index.asp>

Hamilton Southeastern Schools (Fishers)

<http://www.hse.k12.in.us/>

Noblesville Schools

<http://www.noblesvilleschools.org/>

Sheridan Community Schools

<http://www.scs.k12.in.us/>

Westfield Washington Schools

<http://www.wws.k12.in.us/>

Options within the Public Schools

Additional testing

Schools cannot always offer a suggestion for additional testing, but parents may request it. Upon requesting testing (examples: dyslexia, autism) schools will sometimes respond.

Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities (Office of Outreach Programs)

<http://www.bsu.edu/academy/distance/>

Offers several AP courses

IN*SOURCE

www.insource.org

Provides parents, families, and service providers in Indiana with the information and training necessary to advocate for effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities.

Indiana Virtual Academy

<http://www.indva.org/>

Online high school and middle school courses available with permission of guidance counselor.

Out of District Transfers

Each school system decides if they accept out of district transfers or not. Usually schools with declining enrollment will accept transfers, although not all schools who accept transfers have low enrollment.

Indiana Scholarship Tax Credit Program (New in 2011)

- <http://www.inscholarshiptaxcredit.com/>
- Funding for scholarships will come from private, charitable donations to qualified scholarship granting organizations (SGOs). Donors will be eligible to take advantage of a 50% credit against their state tax liability for contributions made to an SGO.
- The entire tax credit program has a limit of \$5 million in credits per state fiscal. This permits up to \$10 million in donations and scholarships.
- Parents apply for scholarships from a certified SGO, which may establish certain requirements for the scholarships they provide.
- A student is eligible to apply for the program if the student is a member of a household with an annual income of not more than two hundred percent (200%) of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program.
- To qualify for an initial scholarship, eligible students must have been enrolled in a public school the prior year or must be entering Kindergarten.

Dual-Credit Classes

- Available to all students – public, private, or homeschooled.
- Not usually free, although costs can vary
- Fulfill high school credit requirement and also earn college credit
- Available from many online schools
- Ivy Tech
- IUPUI SPAN program
 - Classroom opportunities
 - Online classes

Private Schools

Private schools are not free. When free options don't work, sometimes the perfect fit is worth the price. This is often especially true if you are looking for a school that fits a particular world view, although some are fairly inclusive.

Acorn Montessori School

<http://www.acornmontessorischool.com/>

Preschool through age 6

Broad Horizons Montessori School

<http://www.broadhorizons.us/>

Provides services under the Autism Waiver and the Medicaid Special Services Waivers.

Carmel Montessori School

<http://www.carmelmontessori.com/>

Cicero Seventh-Day Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.cicerosdaschool.org/>

Grades Preschool through 8

Community Montessori School

<http://cmsindiana.org/>

Grades Preschool through 6

Cornerstone Christian Academy

<http://www.cornerstonerocks.org/cca2/index.htm>

Grades Preschool through 12

Family of Christ Lutheran School

<http://www.familyofchristlutheran.com/>

Preschool through K

Fishers Montessori Schools Inc

<http://www.fishersmontessori.com/>

Grades Preschool through K

Goddard School

<http://www.goddardschool.com/Locations.gsp?state=in>

Heartland Hall Child Development Center

Tel: (317)815-4000

Indiana Academy

<http://www.indianasdaacademy.org/>

Grades 9 through 12

Montessori School of Westfield

<http://www.montessorischoolofwestfield.com/>

Grades Preschool – 8

Noblesville Christian School

<http://www.noblesvillechristianschool.org/>

Grades Preschool through 7

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

<http://www.edline.net/pages/>

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Grades Preschool through 8

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

<http://www.olmschool.org/>

Grades K-8

Sheridan Christian Academy

<http://www.the-bible-church.org/SCA.aspx>

Grades Preschool through 12

St. Louis De Montfort Catholic School

<http://www.edline.net/pages/>

[St Louis de Montfort CS](#)

Grades K through 7

St. Maria Goretti

<http://www.edline.net/pages/smg>

Grades K through 8

Union Bible Academy

<http://ubca.org/academy.asp>

Grades K through 12

University High School

<http://www.universityhighschool.org/>

Y.a.l.e.

Tel: (317)877-9253 Noblesville, IN

Grades K through 4

Private Virtual Schools

As our children grow up with computers, virtual schools are gaining popularity as an option in education. This is sometimes thought of as “almost homeschooling.” The child may be at home, but this is not homeschooling in the traditional sense. In most cases, the child would be enrolled in an accredited private school that just happens to be administered via computer. There are usually still textbooks and hands-on materials, projects, field trips, etc. The teacher is just not present in person. It is another way of outsourcing the instructional aspect of educating your child, although some parental support is generally needed.

Advantages Online Private School

<http://www.advantagesschool.com/>

Grades K-12; Accredited

American Academy High School

<http://www.theamericanacademy.com/>

Accredited

Global Village School

<http://www.globalvillageschool.org/>

Includes flexible design your own courses for unschoolers to get accredited degree.

K-12

<http://www.k12.com/schools-programs/online-private-school/>

Grades K through 12; Accredited

Keystone School

<http://keystoneschoolonline.com/>

Grades 6 through 12; Accredited

National Connections Academy

<http://www.nationalconnectionsacademy.com>

*Offers a dual diploma program - students can earn a diploma **and** an associate degree in just four years; Accredited*

WiloStar3D

<http://www.wilostar3d.com>

Grades K-12; Accredited

***There are more online schools than this. This is just a list of some popular ones.*

Homeschool

There are so very many ways to homeschool and every family does it differently. This is the most flexible school choice in that the parent has more control over subject matter, materials, and methods used. If a parent is not comfortable teaching a particular subject, there are many ways to outsource that class—many virtual private schools offer part-time enrollment and there are single subject online opportunities as well. Professionally taught classes are available through several homeschool groups, the Westfield Washington Public Library, the YMCA, and more. Immersion into the culture of homeschooling and meeting others in this community can result in a staggering array of opportunities.

It is important to note that in Indiana, homeschools are non-accredited private schools and are considered equal to other non-accredited private schools. The same standards apply. It is a legal option. These, and other details are available on the library's website at:

<http://www.wwpl.lib.in.us/children/Homeschool.htm>

There is a wide range of educational philosophies and methods. The chart below does not represent all of them. It is intended to give an idea of the methods commonly used and discussed. The examples of common sources used are by no means a complete list – just a representation of a few common materials. The sky is truly the limit.

Educational Philosophy	Examples of some common curricula sources used
Formal Curriculum	McGraw-Hill, Houghton-Mifflin, Scott-Foresman, Holt, A Beka, Bob Jones, Alpha Omega, Saxon, Christian Liberty, Calvert, Rod and Staff
Classical Education	<i>The Well-Trained Mind</i> , by Jessie Wise; Charlotte Mason , Trivium Pursuit, Memoria Press; Tapestry of Grace; Biblioplan; TruthQuest; WinterPromise; Tanglewood
Literature-Based Education	Sonlight, Charlotte Mason, Winter Promise, Robinson Curriculum, Accelerated Achievement, Living Learning Books
Principle Approach	The American Christian History Institute, James Rose, Stephen McDowell, Rosalie Slater, F.A.C.E., The Pilgrim Institute, The Mayflower Institute, The Providence Foundation, Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler - Mantle Ministries
Homemade Curriculum	free internet sources, workbooks, library sources, books/videos/computer sources, projects, etc.
Unit Studies	Konos, The Weaver, Five in a Row, Alta Vista, ATI (Bill Gothard), Delight Direct Studies (Gregg Harris), Valerie Bendt, Katherine Stout
Child-Directed Learning	Montessori Method, less formal/planned use of library materials and community opportunities
Eclectic Homeschoolers	Tend to use bits and pieces of all types of sources to fit individual needs.
Distance Learning	Clonlara School; Calvert with the tutorial option; Home Study International; Laurel Springs School, National Repository of Online Courses
Unschoolers	<i>Teach Your Own</i> , by John Holt; <i>Homeschooling for Excellence</i> , by David and Micki Colfax; <i>Life Learning Magazine</i>
Computer Based Education	Teaching Textbooks, Saxon Teacher, Switched on Schoolhouse, Robinson Curriculum, Time4Learning, Bob Jones satellite, ACE