Private Schools

Selection of a private school is a personal matter. Included in this section is basic information concerning schools within the Albuquerque area to help you with your decision. All information was taken from each school’s website as written. A listing in this section does not assume a certain level of quality or a verification of information. It is strongly recommended you validate the credentials of any private institution you choose. A valuable source of information on private schools can be found on the Great Schools website at: [www.greatschools.com](http://www.greatschools.com) and at the Private School Review website at: [www.privateschoolreview.com](http://www.privateschoolreview.com).

**Tuition Costs-** Tuition amounts are given for informational purposes only. The tuition price listed is the advertised price on the school’s website and are current as of July 2023, unless otherwise noted. There is no guarantee these are the current prices. Most schools offer discounts for a variety of reasons, i.e., multiple children in the same family attending at the same time, paying full tuition in advance, etc. Tuition costs listed include any fees, including registration and fundraising requirements.

The interactive [Kirtland AFB Schools map](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1VUDJ3e40pvR_bLG3EBbiTqIXY_wozFw&hl=en&usp=sharing) allows you to view school locations, with options to see charter schools, private schools, and local school districts schools.

Dual Credit

Dual Credit is available to all private school high school students, it allows high school students to enroll in college courses offered by public postsecondary educational institutions such as Central Community College of New Mexico (CNM), University of New Mexico (UNM), and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) with tuition and registration fee waived. This program provides students the opportunity to earn college credit as well as elective credit towards graduation. It is important to work with your child’s school in selecting courses for the dual credit program. Your child’s school may provide textbooks for these courses, if not, you are responsible for your child’s textbooks. Students must pay for course specific fees and for arranging transportation to the site of the dual credit course. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be assigned appropriate credit and the student may request a transcript to receive HS elective credit. For more information on CNM’s High School Programs, visit their webpage at <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/outreach/dual-credit/high-school-and-dual-credit-programs>. For more information on UNM’s dual credit program, visit their webpage at <http://advisement.unm.edu/dual-credit/>.

State statute specifically indicates that credit will be assigned as follows:

3 - 4 credit hour post-secondary course = 1 HS elective credit

1 – 2 credit hour post-secondary course = 0.5 HS elective credit

## Albuquerque Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Abundant Life Christian School (PK)

Albuquerque Christian School (PK)

Annunciation Elementary School (PK)

Axiom Christian Classical

Calvary Christian Academy (PK)

Christ Lutheran School (PK)

Crestview Christian Academy (PK)

Eastern Hills Christian Academy (PK)

Escuela del Sol Montessori (PK)

Evangel Christian Academy

Holy Ghost Catholic School (PK)

Hope Christian Schools. (PK)

Immanuel Lutheran School (PK)

Legacy Academy (PK)

Manzano Day School (PK)

Mountain View Academy West (PK)

Oak Grove Classical Academy (PK)

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School

Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School (PK)

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

Salam Academy (PK)

San Felipe de Neri School (PK)

St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School

St. Mary’s School (PK)

St. Therese Catholic School (PK)

Sunset Mesa Schools (PK)

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Abundant Life Christian School (PK)

Albuquerque Christian School (PK)

Annunciation Elementary School (PK)

Axiom Christian Classical

Calvary Christian Academy (PK)

Christ Lutheran School (PK)

Crestview Christian Academy (PK)

Eastern Hills Christian Academy (PK)

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Evangel Christian Academy

Holy Ghost Catholic School (PK)

Hope Christian Schools (PK)

Immanuel Lutheran School (PK)

Legacy Academy (PK)

Oak Grove Classical Academy (PK)

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School

Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School (PK)

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

Salam Academy (PK)

San Felipe de Neri School (PK)

St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School

St. Mary’s School (PK)

St. Therese Catholic School (PK)

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Abundant Life Christian School

Albuquerque Academy

Albuquerque Christian School

Annunciation Elementary School

Axiom Christian Classical

Bosque School

Calvary Christian Academy

Christ Lutheran School

Crestview Christian Academy

Eastern Hills Christian Academy

Escuela del Sol Montessori

Evangel Christian Academy

Holy Ghost Catholic School

Hope Christian Schools

Immanuel Lutheran School

Legacy Academy

Menaul School

Oak Grove Classical Academy

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School

Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

Salam Academy

San Felipe de Neri School

Sandia Preparatory School

St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School

St. Mary’s School

St. Therese Catholic School

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

Abundant Life Christian School

Albuquerque Academy

Axiom Christian Classical

Bosque School

Calvary Christian Academy

Escuela del Sol Montessori (9th)

Evangel Christian Academy

Hope Christian Schools

Legacy Academy

Menaul School

Oak Grove Classical Academy

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

Sandia Preparatory School

**High Schools (9-12)**

Abundant Life Christian School

Albuquerque Academy

Axiom Christian Classical

Bosque School

Calvary Christian Academy

Evangel Christian Academy

Hope Christian Schools

Legacy Academy

Menaul School

Oak Grove Classical Academy

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

Sandia Preparatory School

St. Pius X High School (8-12)

**All grades (K-12)**

Abundant Life Christian School (PK)

Axiom Christian Classical

Calvary Christian Academy (PK)

Evangel Christian Academy

Hope Christian Schools (PK)

Legacy Academy (PK)

Oak Grove Classical Academy (PK)

Paradise Christian School

Pathways Academy

**Abundant Life Christian School**, 2851 Arenal Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 877-7772, Grades: PreK-12, School Type: Mennonite, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACE, ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.alcsaguilas.com/>, Tuition: K-12 years old- $4,174, 12 years old and older-$4,724

The Mission & purpose of Abundant Life Christian School is to provide a safe and nurturing place where students pre-school through high school can receive spiritual and academic instruction in a Christ centered, community environment. ALCS specializes in working with students who come from homes where Spanish is the primary language and English is a second language. ALCS provides a great learning environment and welcomes all students who are excelling in their academic work and have a heart of compassion for encouraging and working and learning alongside those for who school is more difficult. ALCS intends to address the needs of the whole student, including body, soul, and spirit. ALCS works alongside parents to help to develop their children not only into well-educated graduates who have excelled in their academic studies but more importantly into God honoring, spiritually mature, mission minded, followers of Jesus Christ.

**Albuquerque Academy**, 6400 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 828-3200, Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, Coed. Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, NMPED, website: [www.aa.edu/](http://www.aa.edu/), Tuition: $27,066

Albuquerque Academy is an independent, college-preparatory day school situated on a scenic 312-acre campus in northeast Albuquerque. Classes take advantage of the city’s museums, monuments, culture, and surrounding natural beauty. The Academy is committed to providing access to an enriched educational experience for students of character and talent throughout the city. Approximately 25 percent of students receive financial assistance.

**Albuquerque Christian School**, 4931 McLeod Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 872-0777, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Christian- Non-Denominational, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, NCSA, NMPED, website: <https://acsrams.org/>, Tuition: K- $8,524, 1st-6th grade- $8,809

Albuquerque Christian school is an educational choice in Albuquerque for families seeking a Christ centered community. Our student focused environment is dedicated to academic excellence and the development of the whole person, guiding our students to become graduates that are committed to leadership and service through Jesus Christ.

**Annunciation Elementary School**, 2610 Utah St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 299-6783, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: [www.annunciationcatholicschoolabq.org/](http://www.annunciationcatholicschoolabq.org/), Tuition: $7,578

They awaken, recognize, and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting-edge technology. They challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus’ mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom, and compassion. Annunciation Catholic School’s mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

**Axiom Christian Classical**, 1404 Lead Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 347-9068, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: CSI (Candidate), NMPED, website: <https://www.axiomclassical.org>, Tuition: Tuition not posted on website

With an ecumenical Christian staff and leadership, the school joins hands around a common cause in educating the whole person: mind, body, and spirt. Their students and families are from all walks of life who wholeheartedly embrace their emphatically Christ-centered lens in every classroom, subject, activity, and engagement. The Trivium (“three roads” or “three ways”) is an ancient and time-tested approach for intentionally forming students according to their frames. Grammar (K-5), Logic (6th-8th), and Rhetoric (9th-12th) schools build students respectively on these roads in the educational journey of virtue for the sake of Truth.

**Bosque School**, 4000 Learning Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 898-6388,

Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, non-profit, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, NMPED, website: [www.bosqueschool.org/](http://www.bosqueschool.org/), Tuition: $26,610

At Bosque, they want their students to become well-rounded, passionate, and enthusiastic leaders who see the connection between the work they do in the classroom and the outer world. Bosque students are driven to be excellent students and, just as importantly, outstanding people. As a school devoted to scholarship, they strive to challenge and support students as they prepare for college and the world beyond. Their commitment to community at Bosque creates a school where students encourage each other in classes, in the arts, and on the fields and courts of play. Integrity at Bosque is more than just a buzzword. Although they are a secular school, they believe in teaching students values, like honesty, compassion, and doing the right thing in every area.

**Calvary Christian Academy**, 12820 Indian School Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87112, (505) 842-8681, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.calvarychristianacademyabq.org/>, Tuition: Tuition not posted on website

They are an accredited pre-K through 12th grade school with a long tradition of education. Their faculty is dedicated to helping students succeed in today's world. They adapt their curriculum to meet the needs of their diverse student body, taking into account the many ways in which students learn. Anchored by their Christian beliefs, they excel at one-on-one interaction with their teachers, their fine arts program, enriching academic learning with long-term projects and extracurricular activities, and fostering diversity on campus and in the Albuquerque area

**Christ Lutheran School**, 7701 Candelaria Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 884-3876, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed. Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, NMPED, website: <https://www.clsabq.com/>, Tuition: 2022-23 SY rates- $7,950

They are a Christian School dedicated to raising up children of Character who excel academically. They offer a program designed to train minds academically, develop character spiritually, and instill hearts of servant leadership in all their students. Their teaching staff provides living models for young hearts and minds combined with an excellent education in a loving and "family" environment in which all students learn and grow. They are committed to their core values in providing academic excellence, spiritual growth, and character development. Their competitive curriculum encourages their students to be confident and competent as they prepare for high school, college, and meaningful adult lives. They welcome families from all financial, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

**Crestview Christian Academy**, 600 Ouray Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Grades: PK-8, School Type: Seventh Day Adventist, Coed. (505) 836-0536 Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <https://crestview22.adventistschoolconnect.org>, Tuition: 2022-23 SY rates- PreK $4,575, K-8th grade- $3,885

The Crestview Christian Academy is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide a spiritually oriented education for children. They believe that true education develops the spiritual, mental, and physical powers of each student; preparing them for the joy of service in this life and for the higher joy of service in the life to come. The Crestview Christian Academy operates in harmony with the guidance and direction of the Office of Education, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**Eastern Hills Christian Academy**, 3100 Morris St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 294-3373, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Christian, non-profit, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: <http://www.easternhillschristianacademy.org/>, Tuition: PreK (full day) $8,255, K- $8,890, 1st-5th grade- $9,140, 6th-8th grade $9,390

At EHCA, they are committed to providing a strong educational foundation for lifelong learning. Their students are engaged in their challenging core curriculum taught from a biblical perspective. Every student will receive an education enhanced by enrichment classes in Spanish, music, art, PE, and chapel. Small class sizes allow their degreed educators, many holding advanced degrees, to give each child the attention and recognition they deserve. Their focus is on fostering curiosity while developing critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, study skills and compassionate, respectful behavior.

**Escuela del Sol Montessori,** 1114 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-3033, Grades: PK-8 School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AMS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://escueladelsol.org/>, Tuition: PreK (full day, school year) and K- $16,593, 1st-6th grade- $16,522, 7th-9th grade- $18,701

Escuela del Sol is an educational community that promotes the understanding of the interdependence of all life, values diversity, and encourages students of all ages to discover the role each plays in contributing to his or her community. Escuela del Sol Montessori is a not-for-profit school that runs an elementary education program and the Harwood, a community outreach program based in arts education and service. Escuela del Sol provides the best educational conditions available for holistic child development, in an environment where students, parents, and staff are treated with kindness and respect, and accepted as valued members of the school community.

**Evangel Christian Academy**, 4501 Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 883-4674, Grades: K-12, School Type: Assembly of God, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: [www.ecanm.info](http://www.ecanm.info/), Tuition: 2021-22 SY rates- PreK (full day, school year)- $5,490, K-1st grade- $5,320, 2nd-5th grade- $7,095, 6th-12th grade- $7,345

Evangel Christian Academy (ECA) is a multicultural private institution serving children from preschool through 12th grade. Many of their graduates go on to four-year colleges and have received numerous scholarships including appointments to service academies. The school has been operating since 1976. Students at ECA are encouraged to excel in academics whether it be math, science, language arts, or social studies. ECA also offers a fine arts program and a sports program to develop their talents. Be it Kindergarten or High School, they excel at promoting and encouraging their students in their individual strengths and talents. Their faculty is committed to giving your student a rounded and empowering education that launches them into a life of success and devotion to Jesus Christ.

**Holy Ghost Catholic School**, 6201 Ross Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-1563, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <https://hgcsabq.com/>, Tuition: PreK (full day, school year)- $7,220, K-8th grade- $7,320

Holy Ghost Catholic School views parents as the primarypersons in teaching children about values and spirituality while providing opportunities for the parents to be involved in the education of their children. Their Service-Learning Program provides opportunities for students to develop and enhance concepts and skills across the curriculum. Student participation in service exemplifies “Walking in the footsteps of Jesus”. The school leadership and faculty have fully embraced the spirit of continuous improvement and use external methods of evaluation to help guide actions. Through the process of continuous improvement, HGCS earned the "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" recognition by the US Department of Education in 2009.

**Hope Christian Schools, Inc**, 8005 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 821-2513, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, ICAA, NMPED, website: [www.hopechristianschool.org/](http://www.hopechristianschool.org), Tuition: PreK (full day)- $9,369 K-1st grade- $9,419, 2nd grade- $9,718, 3rd-5th grade- $10,070, 6th-8th grade- $11,104, 9th-12th grade- $11,414

Hope Christian School is a Christ-centered community that provides a safe environment, equipping students to grow to excellence spiritually, academically, physically, and socially, becoming passionate leaders who will transform the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They do so through a combination of Biblical worldview curricula, faculty who love the Lord, programs designed to exercise the students' body, mind, and spirit, and an unwavering commitment to follow God's will for Hope Christian School.

**Immanuel Lutheran School**, 300 Gold Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 243-2589, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed. Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.immanuelabq.org/>, Tuition: Not posted, call for rates

Immanuel Lutheran School has been the education-mission arm of Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1924. The school offers rigorous academics and an array of extracurricular activities and athletics to students in grades Pre-K through 8th. The award-winning school is one of Albuquerque’s jewels, having been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and nominated as an outstanding accreditation facility by the National Lutheran Schools Association.

**Legacy Academy**, South Campus- 7201 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 923-3659, North Campus- 6900 Los Volcanes Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 831-0135, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.legacychurchnm.com/academy>, Tuition: PreK- $6,065, K-$6,130, 1st-4th grade- $6,330, 5th grade- $6,355, 6th-8th grade- $6,605, 9th-12th grade- $7,115

To prepare students to defend their faith, reach their potential, and demonstrate responsible citizenship in a safe environment. Legacy Academy’s objectives are to educate with a Biblical Worldview, incorporate the viable triangle of learning that will include the student, parent, and teacher, inspire a love for lifelong learning, promote the inclusion of parents in the learning process, incorporate hands-on application for students, set out clear and understandable discipline guidelines, ensure a safe environment for optimum learning and secure competent, Christian staff members.

**Manzano Day School**, 1801 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 243-6659, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, NMPED, website: [www.manzanodayschool.org/](http://www.manzanodayschool.org/), Tuition: PK- $13,305, K- $15,195, 1st-5th grade- $16,990

Founded in 1938, Manzano Day School is an independent, nonprofit elementary school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. The school’s historic six-acre campus borders Old Town and downtown Albuquerque and is home to charming adobe buildings, placitas, and gardens. They enroll over 460 intellectually capable children from culturally, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse backgrounds. Manzano Day School provides its students with an opportunity to experience *Joy in Learning*®. Each member of their faculty is sensitive to individual learning styles and the need to present developmentally appropriate, yet challenging material in a nurturing atmosphere. Their curriculum is aligned with national standards and is rich in content and delivery. In addition to the core subjects of reading, math, science, and social studies, the six co-curricular subjects of art, library, music, physical education, Spanish, and technology are part of every student’s schedule.

**Menaul School**, 301 Menaul Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 345-7727,

Grades: 6-12, School Type: Presbyterian, alternative, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: [www.menaulschool.com/](http://www.menaulschool.com/), Tuition: Offers individualized tuition program to keep tuition within 10-15% of household income- full annual tuition is $19,523

Menaul School is a faith-based, college preparatory day and boarding school for students in grades 6–12. Founded in 1896 by the Reverend James Menaul, the school was initially a boarding school for Spanish speaking boys. Since 1934, Menaul School has been a co-educational, independent school with a reputation for excellent values, ethics, and moral character. Middle School program is crafted to meet the developmental needs of early adolescents to build a strong foundation that will support their students well into high school and beyond. Menaul’s Upper School offers a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum comparable to honors and AP courses. Menaul School offers an extensive Fine Arts Program that includes Drama, Chorus, Band, Jazz Band, 2D Art, 3D Art, Photography, and Pottery. All students participate in Mission Week where students give back to the local and regional communities through volunteer activities.Menaul School is a member of the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) Division I. Sports include football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, and track and field in the Upper School. Middle School students participate in the APIAL league with flag football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and track and field.

**Mountain View Academy West**, 4100 New Vistas Ct NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-1500, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: <https://www.lapetite.com/your-local-school/albuquerque-nm-7687/>, Tuition: Not posted on website

**Oak Grove Classical Academy**, 8888 Harper Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 269-2696, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, Traditional Classroom/Homeschool Combination, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, CSI, NMPED, website: [www.oakgroveclassical.com](http://www.oakgroveclassical.com), Tuition: PK-$2,922, K- $4,740, 1st-2nd grade- $5,560, 3rd-4th grade- $5,601 5th grade- $5,607, 6th-8th grade- $6,562, 9th-12th grade- $7,437

Since 2008 Oak Grove Classical Academy has partnered with parents to affirm their role as the primary influencers in their children’s lives. Employing a rigorous classical pedagogy within a unique university model course schedule, students gain Christian wisdom and training in classical eloquence, equipping them for leadership in the modern world. Oak Grove seeks to present subjects as tools through which they learn more of God’s character and His design of their world. They strive to partner with parents in providing a Christ-centered, classical education utilizing a university model. They seek to inspire their students to love learning, to face life’s challenges with courage and character, and to apply God’s truth in their spheres of influence.

**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School**, 4020 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 255-6391, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: [www.fatimaschoolabq.com](http://www.fatimaschoolabq.com/) Tuition: $7,095

At our Lady of Fatima Catholic school, God gives us the opportunity every day to be the very best they can be compassionate, responsible discerning citizens.

**Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School**, 815 Guaymas Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-3167, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://olacs.org/school/>, Tuition: 2022-23 SY rates- $6,845

Our Lady of The Assumption (OLA) faculty and staff pledge their commitment to offer to their students a Catholic education emphasizing Catholic identity, with a strong focus on moral values, leadership opportunities, and academic excellence. OLA has a commitment to the lifelong process of learning about their Catholic faith, academic challenges, responsible behavior, and community service. OLA is a recipient of the prestigious Pinon Award, a Quality New Mexico honor which recognizes excellence in education based on meeting National Baldrige Award criteria.

**Paradise Christian School**, 6013 Paradise Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-4508, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACE, ACTS, NAPS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.newsongchristianabq.com/AcademicProgram.html>, Tuition: $3,040

They endeavor to educate children, in cooperation with parents, towards maturity and a worldview of biblical Christianity. Their education philosophy states that everyone must be educated so they can be prepared to fulfill their responsibilities to God, students must be controlled and motivated in order to learn, learning must be measured and rewarded, relationship is a necessity for successful motivation and inspiration of students, students must participate in the educational process as active learners, striving to reach school, class, and personal goals, and students are individuals and learning is accomplished on an individual basis.

**Pathways Academy**, 201 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 (505) 341-0555, Grades: K-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, Special Education, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: <http://pathwaysacademynm.org/>, Tuition: $16,310

Pathways Academy is a private non-profit school for children grades K-12. They have a diverse range of talented students, who thrive in their warm and home-like environment. Many of their students have struggled in traditional and/or special education environments before coming to us. They specialize in helping children with unique learning challenges reach their full potential in a caring and encouraging environment. They do their best to customize each child’s education, working with students who have learning difficulties in reading, spelling, writing, math, focusing (such as ADD/ADHD), Asperger’s or are on the autism spectrum.

**Salam Academy**, 8015 Mountain Road Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-7688, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Islamic, non-profit, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: [www.salamacademy.org/](http://www.salamacademy.org/), Tuition: PreK- $7,388, K- $6,705, 1st-5th grade- $6,005, 6th-8th grade- $6,405

Their small class size gives their certified teachers time to focus on each student. Their school has a dress code and maintains a healthy Islamic environment. It is a community owned non-for-profit organization with a 501(c) status and mainly depends on community donations (tax deductible). Their school is dedicated to providing a quality education in both fields: the religious and the secular. Their unique education system has established their place as one of New Mexico’s outstanding schools. Salam Academy’s Vision is to create outstanding American citizens who are trained to be leaders in their family, their community, and the American society as a whole in the fields of science, mathematics, and the humanities. Salam Academy is an institution of learning aimed at maintaining the ethnic roots and moral values of Muslim students.

**San Felipe de Neri School**, 2000 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 338-1841, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://sanfelipedenerischool.org/>, Tuition: PreK-$6,000, K-8th grade- $5,700

San Felipe de Neri Parish school is located in historic Old Town Albuquerque. They are surrounded by our rich Hispanic culture and within walking distance of Albuquerque's fabulous museums. Your children will be able to participate in one-of-a-kind cultural activities such as joining with the community in making luminarias and setting them out at Christmas, participating in the fiestas, or attending the Blessing of the Animals at the Gazebo of the Old Town Plaza. They offer a strong Catholic identity, experienced faculty, weekly student mass, positive student behavior, pre-k program (4-year-olds), encouraged parental involvement, great home/school communication, strong academics, focus on high school readiness, excellent administration, secure campus, high test scores, competitive sports program. Their courses include Religion, P.E., Study Skills, Computers, Library, and Music.

**Sandia Preparatory School**, 532 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113, (505) 338-3000, Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, independent study. Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, NMPED, website: [www.sandiaprep.org/](http://www.sandiaprep.org/), Tuition: 2022-23 SY rates- $24,350

Sandia Prep provides remarkable opportunities for intellectual and personal growth within a challenging and balanced program for students in grades 6-12. Their innovative college prep curriculum prepares students for success in college — and beyond — and inspires each to find and achieve his or her purpose in the world. Their rigorous, well-rounded curriculum is designed to educate the whole person. They employ an integrated approach with a focus on writing, research and speaking. Their unique program is designed to develop critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and collaborative leaders. Academics is their top priority, balance is their core value, and community makes them who they are. Their school is distinguished by a strong, diverse community and strong, enduring relationships. Representing the face of Central New Mexico, Sandia Prep students come from approximately 70 different schools and 55 different zip codes.

**St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School**, 1801 Hazeldine Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 243-5788, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.

Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: [http://stcharlesabq.org](http://stcharlesabq.org/), Tuition: $7,350

St. Charles Catholic School’s mission is to provide a challenging academic curriculum fostered by Catholic values in a safe, diverse, family-oriented community. Their aim is for everyone to model respect, service, and compassion for others, and to exercise self-discipline in order to reach their full potential.

**St. Mary’s School**, 224 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-6271,

Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <https://stmarys.me/>, Tuition: $7,252

They provide a Catholic education to preschool through eighth grade students in the greater Albuquerque area. They are uniquely situated in downtown Albuquerque and for over 100 years have defined their success by the dedication of their teachers and staff as well as the academic, spiritual, and professional achievements of their students. Their faculty are certified and degreed by the State of New Mexico and follow standards prescribed by the State of New Mexico and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. They are proud of their rich history and record of academic excellence in their community. Besides the subjects of Religion, Math, Reading, English, Science, and Social Studies - students attend Art, Music, P.E., Computer, Spanish, and Library classes on a weekly basis all year. Their curriculum includes hands-on experiences and projects to engage their students in their own learning.

**St. Pius X High School**, 5301 Saint Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 831-8400, Grades: 8-12, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NCEA, NMPED, WCEA, NMPED, website: [www.saintpiusx.com](http://www.saintpiusx.com/), Tuition: 8th grade- $$6,730, 9th-12th grade- $14,010, Transportation offered to ABQ NE Heights, Rio Rancho, and Belen/Los Lunas

From a humble beginning in 1956 in the basement of St. Charles Borromeo, St. Pius X has grown to a top-notch academic and values-oriented school, recognized as one of the most outstanding secondary schools in New Mexico and the Southwest. Their students come from all areas of metropolitan Albuquerque and accurately reflect its diversity. Just over 730 young men and women from grades 9 to 12 make up the student body. The typical St. Pius X student is active in school activities, athletics and fine arts while striving to prepare for their future. Over 98 percent of St. Pius X graduates go on to colleges and universities throughout the nation with many of them earning scholarships. The class of 2014 earned $14.7 million in college scholarships. Proud of the continuing success of its students, the school aspires to meet the challenges of modern life, which now moves at the speed of electronic impulses. Students are educated in current in technology, knowledge, ethics, concepts, and issues to succeed in the real world.

**St. Therese Catholic School**, 311 Shropshire Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 344-4479, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/>, Tuition: $5,900

St. Therese School is part of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic School System and is located in the heart of the North Valley of Albuquerque. Although the school is run entirely by lay people, the Church and its Pastor remain closely united and work together to better the education of all the students at St. Therese School. St. Therese School is a Catholic School dedicated to providing all students with Catholic academic, moral, and spiritual experiences within a safe, nurturing environment that will empower them to reach their maximum potential. St. Therese School is dedicated to assisting families with passing on the Catholic faith, morals, and values to the students. The school is a community outside the home, where religious values and truths may be integrated with daily life. The school strives to provide a quality education in a Christian environment and to help each student develop his/her own potential through creative expression, hands-on-learning, self-discipline, and the opportunity to participate in liturgy, prayer, sacraments, and community service.

**Sunset Mesa Schools, Inc.**, 3020 Morris Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 298-7626, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCPSA, NIPSA, NMPED, website: [www.sunset-mesa.com/](http://www.sunset-mesa.com/), Tuition: PreK- $14,100, K-$14,400, 1st-5th grade- $16,600

Sunset Mesa Schools actively choose and develop a high-quality curriculum to provide foundational skills as well as opportunities for teachers to challenge students. In addition, weekly instruction by six full-time enrichment specialists, in the elementary grade, enhances students’ education and provides a variety of avenues for children to reach their full potential. Sunset Mesa students regularly test in the top 1% of the nation. High test scores are not merely a sign of academic accomplishment, but a reflection of instruction designed to prepare children for the academic rigor that lies ahead. Smaller class size is a necessity when it comes to being able to give the individual attention needed to instruct each child effectively. Sunset Mesa believes that elementary school will always be about teaching the basic, foundational skills that a child needs for education and for life. Their instruction is focused on the needs of each child in an atmosphere that is emotionally and physically safe, academically driven and values based. They are dedicated to building character and confidence in each child.

## Corrales Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Cottonwood Montessori (PK-6)

Sandia View Elementary School (PK)

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Sandia View Elementary School (PK)

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Sandia View Elementary School

**High Schools (9-12)**

Sandia View Academy

**Cottonwood Montessori**, 3896 Corrales Road, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-8375, Grades: PK-6, School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: [www.cottonwoodschool.org/](http://www.cottonwoodschool.org/), Tuition: PreK-K $11,323, 1st-6th grade $13,856

Their mission is to encourage the potential of each child through an interdisciplinary curriculum which cultivates intellectual achievement, physical and artistic abilities, emotional learning, and creative reasoning in accordance with Montessori philosophy. Why should you join the Cottonwood School community? Their unique 7-acre campus providing real environmental education, their belief in whole, child whole brain learning experiences, their nurturing staff with a strong focus on academics, unparalleled Montessori teaching for pre-K through 6th grade, weekly enrichment programs that are integral to the curriculum, research and anecdotes that show real world benefits of their teaching philosophy and alumni with success storied in middle school, high school, and beyond.

**Sandia View Academy**, 65 Sandia View Lane, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 898-0717,

Grades: 9-12, School Type: Seventh - day Adventist, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA, MSA, NMPED,

website: <https://svaknights.org/>, Tuition: No tuition posted on website

Sandia View Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist High School located in Corrales, New Mexico.Our mission is to provide a quality Christian secondary education in a climate that promotes a relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to fulfill His commission of service. Curriculum is designed to weave the thread of Christ’s sacrifice to restore our relationship with God throughout the learning activities. Their curriculum is college preparatory in nature. Therefore, academic classes are taught at the level of honors classes. Students are expected to apply and extend their learning as well as meet deadlines responsibly. Students enrolled in their school system regularly outperform the state and national averages. Students attending higher education report that they were well prepared for their college experience. The school also offers an athletics program, safe environment, family feel, service emphasis, student trips, academic support, spiritual support, and caring teachers.

**Sandia View Elementary School**, 24 Academy Dr., Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-4805, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Seventh - day Adventist, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA, NMPED,

website: <http://www.sandiaview.org/>, Tuition: Not posted

Welcome to Sandia View Elementary a Christian school operating Kindergarten through Eighth grade; striving to provide excellence in education spiritually, scholastically, and socially since 1994. SVE pursues academic excellence in all areas. From Kindergarten to 8th grade, students are taught in modes that promote the development of their multiple intelligences. We provide sound academics infused with a Biblical view of God and the world. In annual standardized testing, SVE students consistently perform above the national average at every grade level. SVE’s commitment to our students is to provide the highest quality education, balanced with life-enriching activities; to establish a solid foundation upon which they can build successful, happy, and prosperous lives.

## East Mountain Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Holy Child Catholic School (PK)

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Holy Child Catholic School (PK)

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Holy Child Catholic School

**Holy Child Catholic School**, School address- 19 Cam De Santo Nino, Tijeras, NM 87059, Mailing address- P.O. Box 130, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-3077, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: [www.holychildcatholicschool.org](http://www.holychildcatholicschool.org/), Tuition: PreK (3-year-old- 2 days/week) $2,200, PreK (4-year-old- 3 days/week) $2,700, K-8th grade- $5,525

Holy Child Catholic School principal goal is the development of the whole child in accordance with the mission of the Church: the salvation of souls. The philosophy of the school and the religious education program is that the school be a continuation of each family's role in "passing on the faith" to its children. The school views the parents as primary in the teaching of values and spirituality and provides ample opportunities for the parents to be involved in the educational process. The mission of Holy Child Catholic School is to advance the development of the soul, mind, and body through a rigorous classical curriculum; to foster spiritual and intellectual growth; to develop stewardship of God's gifts and inspire a love for the Eucharist, the Church, and evangelization.

## Los Lunas/Belen/Bosque Farms Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Canon Christian Academy

Del Rio Academy (PK)

St. Mary’s Catholic School (PK)

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Canon Christian Academy

Del Rio Academy (PK)

St. Mary’s Catholic School (PK)

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Canon Christian Academy

Del Rio Academy

St. Mary’s Catholic School

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

Canon Christian Academy

**High Schools (9-12)**

Canon Christian Academy

**All grades (K-12)**

Canon Christian Academy

**Canon Christian Academy,** 19381 NM-314, Belen, NM 87002, (505) 859-4041,

Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: [www.ccabelen.com/](http://www.ccabelen.com/), Tuition: K- $5,964, 1st-6th grades- $6,108, 7th-8th grades- $6,637, 9th-12th grades- $7,410

Calvary Chapel Academy is a unique and special learning environment that can be marked by three key distinctive, Christ Centered, Life Application and Student Discipleship. The primary difference between CCA and other learning institutions is God! They are convinced that a Christ centered academic approach makes math purposeful, history accurate, science true, and literature meaningful. At CCA they strive to go beyond just imparting and retrieving knowledge to developing the critical and analytical skills necessary for gaining understanding. Ultimately their goal is to regain the lost Biblical concept of wisdom. Wisdom occurs when a student, having knowledge and understanding, is trained to apply what they learn to real-life. Discipleship addresses the whole student. They are focused on raising adults who are emotionally secure, spiritually mature, intellectually equipped, and strong in character.

**Del Rio Academy**, 15 Jemez Dr., Los Lunas, NM, 87031, (505) 866-9271, Grades: PK- 8, School Type: Special Education, Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: <https://www.delrioacademy.org/> or <http://sandhillcenter.org/>. Tuition: No tuition posted on website

Del Rio Academy is the school located on the Sandhill campus. The Sandhill Child Development Center is a residential program for children ages 5 to 13 at admission, who are experiencing significant difficulties functioning in their current home, school, or community due to an inability to regulate their emotional states. By repairing a child's trust in care and adult guidance, Sandhill gives the child the tools necessary to proceed with a healthy and bright future. They currently treat a variety of psychiatric diagnoses, visit their website, or call for more information.

**St. Mary’s Catholic School**, 101 N. 10th Street, Belen, NM 87002, (505) 864-0484, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://stmarysbelen.com/>, Tuition: $5,225

Saint Mary’s offers a high-quality, literacy-based program immersed in Christian values for students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Their curriculum is based on the guides and concepts of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and meets all criteria set by the State of New Mexico. Their school day begins with school-wide prayer at the flagpole and continues with classroom prayer throughout the day. The teachers of Saint Mary’s School all are state-licensed and committed to providing a superior instructional program for all students. As a Catholic school, Saint Mary’s mission expands beyond outstanding academic programs. The Church’s teaching mission includes inviting young people to a relationship with Jesus Christ or deepening an existing relationship with Jesus, inserting young people into the life of the Church, and assisting young people to see and understand the role of faith in one’s daily life and in the larger society. Tasked with this Saint Mary’s becomes a “school for the human person” and fills a critical role in the future life of our Church, our country, and our world.

## Rio Rancho Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Gospel Light Baptist (PK)

St. Thomas Aquinas School

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Gospel Light Baptist (PK)

St. Thomas Aquinas School

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Gospel Light Baptist

St. Thomas Aquinas School

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

Gospel Light Baptist

**High Schools (9-12)**

Gospel Light Baptist

**All grades (K-12)**

Gospel Light Baptist (PK)

**Gospel Light Baptist Academy**, 1500 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 298-2130, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AACS, Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: [www.myglba.org/](http://www.myglba.org/), Tuition: K (full day)- $4,915, 1st-12th grade- $3,880

GLBA exists to provide a quality, Christ-centered education through excellence in academics and personal, Christian character development. This will be achieved by placing a high priority on individualization and an absolute preeminence on God's Word. They exist to educate students with academic excellence based on the principles of God’s Word, inspire students to a life of learning and growing mentally and spiritually, equip students to be successful in the sight of God and others to the fulfillment of the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ, develop students that have a heart for reaching others for the cause of Christ.

**St. Thomas Aquinas School**, 1100 Hood Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-3221, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: [www.stthomasaquinasschool.org/](http://www.stthomasaquinasschool.org/), Tuition: $6,642

St. Thomas Aquinas School is a Catholic elementary and middle school for grades Kindergarten through eighth. Enrollment is approximately 425 students with 2 full day kindergarten classes and two classes each of grades 1 – 8. There is a maximum of 25 students per class. The typical school day is from 8 am to 3 pm
St. Thomas Aquinas strives to provide a well-rounded, holistic education for its students. Core subjects include religion, reading, math, language arts, science, and social studies. Core subjects are taught in a challenging and developmentally appropriate style. Art, music, computer, and gym courses are also offered. Students learn the traditions and tenants of the Catholic Faith through daily instruction, prayer, services, and participation in the liturgical life of the parish. Daily recitation of the Rosary and Scripture sharing are part of the development of the spiritual nature and life of students.

## Virtual/Online Schools- Accredited Programs

Tuition based

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Bridgeway Academy (PK)

Brightways Learning

Pearson Online Academy

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Bridgeway Academy (PK)

Brightways Learning

Pearson Online Academy

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Bridgeway Academy

Brightways Learning

Pearson Online Academy

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

Bridgeway Academy

Brightways Learning

Pearson Online Academy

**High Schools (9-12)**

The American Academy

Bridgeway Academy

Brightways Learning Pearson Online Academy

James Madison High School

**All grades (K-12)**

Bridgeway Academy (PK)

Brightways Learning

Pearson Online Academy

Most online schools offer classes on a per class basis, check the school’s website for availability and cost.

**The American Academy,** website: <http://www.theamericanacademy.com/>, Grades: 9-12, Accreditation: AdvancED, Tuition: $999, cost for 0.5 credit course is $238 (1 semester), for 1.0 credit course (2 semesters) is $476.

**Bridgeway Academy,** website: <http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/>, Grades: PreK-12, Accreditation: NCA CASI, SACS CASI,

This site will walk you through different options in order find the best fit for your family. Tuition will vary. They do offer active and past Military families a 10% discount and they offer military scholarships, for more information visit <http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/bridgeway-difference/who-we-serve/#military_families> for more information.

**Homeschool Accreditation**

Elementary (1-5) $1,395 students w/special needs (grades 1-5)- $3,495

Middle (6-8) $1,495, students w/special needs- $3,595

High (9-12) $1,595, students w/special needs- $3,695

**Homeschool Academy**

PreK-K $1,395

Elementary (1-5) $2,995, students w/special needs (grades 1-5)- $5,095

Middle (6-8) $3,495, students w/special needs- $5,595

High (9-12) $3,795, students w/special needs- $5,895

**Homeschool Live**

Elementary (1-5) $4,995 students w/special needs (grades 1-5)- $7,795

Middle (6-8) $5,695, students w/special needs- $7,795

High (9-12) $5,995, students w/special needs- $8,095

**Homeschool curriculum packages:**

Elementary (1-5) starts at $1,250

Middle (6-8) starts at $1,550

High (9-12) starts at $1,850

**Brightways Learning,** website: <https://www.brightwayslearning.org/brightways-global-academy/>, Grades: K-12, Accreditation: AdvancED,

Tuition- Advisory Education (coursework not included) $1,020, plus $300/year for each additional student

Comprehensive Education (coursework included)- K-6 $8,000, 7th grade-12th grade $14,600

**Pearson Online Academy,** this is the private school partner to the New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA), website: <http://www.pearsononlineacademy.com>, Grades: K-12 (grades 4-12 are tuition free under NMCA), Accreditation: MSA, SACS CASI, AdvancED, Tuition: for the academic year is Elementary (K-5) $5,050; Middle (6-8) $6,600; and High (9-12) $7,700. Tuition for one semester is Elementary (K-5) $2,800; Middle (6-8) $3,800; and High (9-12) $4,500.

**James Madison High School,** website: <http://www.jmhs.com/>, Grades: 9-12, Accreditation: SACS CASI, DETC, Tuition: $1,299 to 1,799 depending on payment plan.

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## Albuquerque Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Acton Academy Albuquerque

Christian Heritage Academy (PK)

Cross of Hope Lutheran School

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School (No Kindergarten)

First Fruits Christian Academy (K-6)

Montessori ONE Academy (K-6)

Sandia Montessori School of Albuquerque (PK)

Shepherd Lutheran (PK)

Tower Road Christian Academy (PK)

Western Heights Christian School (PK)

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Acton Academy Albuquerque

Christian Heritage Academy (PK)

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School (No Kindergarten)

Shepherd Lutheran (PK)

Tower Road Christian Academy (PK)

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Acton Academy Albuquerque

Christian Heritage Academy

**Middle Schools (6-8) con’t**

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School

Shepherd Lutheran

Tower Road Christian Academy

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

Christian Heritage Academy

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School

Tower Road Christian Academy

**High Schools (9-12)**

Christian Heritage Academy

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School

Tower Road Christian Academy

**All grades (K-12)**

Christian Heritage Academy (PK)

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School (No Kindergarten)

Tower Road Christian Academy (PK)

**Acton Academy Albuquerque**, 3100 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 358-1163, Grades: K-8, School Type: Nonsectarian, Associations: International Association of Learner Driven Schools (accredited), website: <https://www.actonabq.org/>, Tuition: $9,900

The Acton Academy believes that each child has a gift that can change the world in a profound way, in a closely connected family of lifelong learners, in learning by knowing, learning by doing and learning by being, and in economic, religious, and political freedom. Their promise to their students is that they will begin a “Hero’s Journey”, learn to be a curious, independent, lifelong learner, develop a deep respect for economic, political, and religious freedoms, cherish the arts, wonders of the physical world and the mysteries of life on Earth and discover his or her most precious gifts and learn to use them to solve difficult problems.

**Christian Heritage Academy,** 2800 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-4156, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Baptist, alternative, coed. Associations: Other religious schools associations,

website: <https://www.christianheritageabq.com/>, Tuition: $3,250

Christian Heritage Academy has been established to meet the educational needs of children in a Christ-centered environment, with dedicated Christian teachers, in a spiritual, academic atmosphere. Their school uses the Accelerated Christian Education program, based on Biblical philosophy, individually prescribed, self-instructional curriculum, and an advanced system of motivated learning. CHA uses these eight characteristics to help each student: Christian atmosphere, character building, academic excellence, computer education, individualized instruction, disciplined environment, parental involvement, and Patriotism.

**Cross of Hope Lutheran School**, 6104 Taylor Ranch Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 897-1832, Grades: K-5, School Type: Evangelical Lutheran, coed. Associations: none, website: <https://www.crossofhope.org/schools/elementary-school/>, Tuition: Preschool (full week) $5,920, Elementary $7,475

Cross of Hope Elementary School excels at Christ-centered education that helps children develop their intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual gifts to the glory of God and service to others. Cross of Hope Elementary School offers credentialed state-licensed teachers, competitive research-based curriculum, low student/teacher ratios, Singapore Math, Spanish instruction, Christian education with a weekly chapel experience, library, music, art, physical education, lunch program, after-school care, and many extracurricular opportunities**.** Cross of Hope students score in the top 10% of the nation on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a national standardized achievement test used by many schools across the nation.

**Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School**, 8600 Academy Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 822-0476, Grades: 1-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, special education, coed. Associations: Other school associations,

website: [www.dldsycamoreschool.com/](http://www.dldsycamoreschool.com/), Tuition; Not posted

DLD-Sycamore School is a private, non-profit school, serving students with learning difficulties from the greater metropolitan area of Albuquerque. Often these students have average or higher intelligence and abilities but may be falling behind or experiencing failure in school. Students in grades 1-12 are enrolled in a comprehensive academic program. The school year begins in July and follows a year-round quarter system. DLD's staff, certified and non-certified, is experienced in working with youngsters with learning differences, are highly trained and skilled, are committed, dedicated, and caring professionals, who incorporate Christian values into their teaching standards. The alternative high school program offers an independent study curriculum that is accredited. Students who complete the four-year course of study receive a diploma signifying attainment of the required number of hours of credit.

**First Fruits Christian Academy**, 500 Oliver Ross Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 833-0858, Grades: K-6 School Type: Baptist, Coed. Associations: none, website: <https://www.fellowship-abq.org/first-fruits-academy>, Tuition: No information

First Fruits Christian Academy was founded in January 2003 and provides Christian education to pre-K through grade five students in a caring environment.

**Montessori One Academy,** 9360 Holly Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122, (505) 822-5150, Ages: 6 years- 12 years (~K-6), School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AMI/USA, website: <https://montessorione.net/>, Tuition: $15,950

Elementary students are given an integrated curriculum, known as Cosmic Education. All subjects are introduced in a series of connected stories that spark the child’ curiosity which help the child to classify new information in a coherent way. The stories, “The Great lessons”, give the child a context for all future learning and a way of seeing the relevance in what they learn. Science and social sciences such as anthropology, biology, astronomy, geology, and history are integrated with mathematics, language, arts, and music. Montessori materials help the child to see and explore abstract concepts and concrete experiences to develop a deep understanding of complex concepts. Montessori focuses on children’s learning and self-discovery, not on teachers teaching. Fostering independence is an important part of Montessori philosophy. Children work individually or in small, self-selected groups. Teachers actively observe and assess the child’s choices and are ready to step in with new challenges and guide them when they are unable to choose for themselves. The Montessori children are put in charge of his/her own learning through their own exploration.

**Sandia Montessori School of Albuquerque**, 3240A Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 293-6614, Grades: PreK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed. Associations: website: [www.sandiaschool.com/](http://www.sandiaschool.com/), Tuition: 2018-19 SY rates- K- $9,000, 1st-5th grade- $10,200

The kindergarten program provides their students with a strong foundation in phonics, mathematics and introduces subjects like earth sciences and geography. Their Elementary program is structured as a multi-level combo and encourages growth, imagination, and creative thinking. Children in 1st to 5th grade are grouped together in one classroom but have unique and specialized curriculum written for their specific level of advancement. This allows older children to assume the role of ‘mentor’ to the younger children and helps the younger children grow and develop faster as they have role models to emulate. The staff are trained and dedicated professionals focused on making the learning experience fun and challenging for your children. Their modified Montessori Method encourages their children to think independently, develop good study habits and life skills that will stay with them forever.

**Shepherd Lutheran**, 3900 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 292-6622, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, coed. Associations: None, website: <https://school.shepherdlutheran.org/>, Tuition: Not Posted

Shepherd Lutheran Christian School offers daily focus on God's Word, solid academics, moral and spiritual education, parental involvement, parenting enrichment, safe environment, family atmosphere, character building using the absolute truth of God's Word, promotion of strong work ethic, parent/teacher partnership, patriotic and citizenship education, emphasis on music & art, after school childcare, drama & chess clubs, intramural sports for all, school and tone-chime choirs, multi-grade classrooms and activities, interscholastic basketball, volleyball, track, and cross-country, science/geography fairs with an optimal school size.

**Tower Road Christian Academy**, 601 86th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 839-1063, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Baptist, coed. Associations: website: <https://towerroadbaptistchurch.com/christian-academy/>, Tuition: $4,000

To win the lost and to teach students to infuse a Biblical view with their unique, God-given talents; to produce Christian character and servant-like qualities through academics, fine arts, and athletics. TRCA offers Christian-based curriculum though both ABeka and Alpha Omega’s Ignitia online curriculum. Classes are held Monday-Thursday, no school on Friday.

**Western Heights Christian School**, 6415 Sage Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 247-2079, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Assembly of God, coed. Associations: Other special emphasis association,

website: <http://www.westernheightsabq.org/>, Tuition: Not posted

Western Heights was founded in 1968 by Wallace M. Franklin and his wife, Norma. They wanted to minister to children 7 days a week, not just Sundays. 46 years later, they are still on board with this mission. Norma, Grandma Precious, is still well known by our families. We are blessed and excited to learn and grow with your family every day.

## East Mountain Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

**Elementary Schools (K-5)**

Acton Academy East Mountain

**Elementary/Middle School (K-8)**

Acton Academy East Mountain

**Middle Schools (6-8)**

Acton Academy East Mountain

**Middle/High Schools (6-12)**

None

**High Schools (9-12)**

None

**All grades (K-12)**

None

**Acton Academy East Mountain**, 4 Penny Ln, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, (505) 336-4888, Grades: K-8, School Type: Nonsectarian, Associations: International Association of Learner Driven Schools (accredited), website: <https://www.actonabq.org/>, Tuition: 5% of household income/min $1,000; max $10,000. 2nd child- 50% discount, 3rd child- 75% discount, 4th and more children- $250 Annual fee

Acton Academy East Mountains is a private entrepreneurial micro school for grades K-8 that is focused on sustainability, community, critical thinking, and self-direction. This campus’s outdoor-centric design makes it a unique experience. The Acton Academy believes that each child has a gift that can change the world in a profound way, in a closely connected family of lifelong learners, in learning by knowing, learning by doing and learning by being. Their school is built on two vital elements for human learning:  *play* and *time in nature*. At Acton Academy East Mountains, they embrace play as the vehicle through which children learn. They believe that connecting with nature is a critical part of the human experience and that modern society is pulling us farther away from this connection with our planet. Because of this, our school is focused on nurturing this connection for learners. Being outside and learning *through* the natural world will be a foundational element of the student’s experience. They will prepare students for their “Hero’s Journey”, a special calling in life, and a series of trials and tests that must be faced with integrity and purpose in order to live a satisfying and fulfilled life.

## Rio Rancho Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

## Los Lunas/Belen/Bosque Farms Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

No non-accredited private schools currently located in these areas

## Private School Accreditation Bodies and Associations:

Private School Accreditation Bodies

\*AASCU- Adventist Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities-

<https://www.southwesternadventisteducation.com/>

\*AACS- American Association of Christian Schools- [www.aacs.org/](http://www.aacs.org/)

\*^ACSI- Association of Christian Schools International- [www.acsi.org/](http://www.acsi.org/)

\*ACTS- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools- <http://actsschools.org>
AMS- American Montessori Society- <https://amshq.org/>

\*AWSNA- Association of Waldorf Schools of North America- [www.waldorfeducation.org/](http://www.waldorfeducation.org/)

^COA- Council on Accreditation- <https://coanet.org/>

\*Cognia/NCA CASI- NM Cognia (formerly AdvancEd)/North Central Association (NMNCA)/Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (CASI)- [www.cognia.org](http://www.cognia.org)

\*CSI- Christian Schools International- [www.csionline.org](http://www.csionline.org)
IALDS- The International Association of Learner Driven Schools- <https://ialds.org/>

\*^ICAA- International Christian Accrediting Association- [www.icaa.us](http://www.icaa.us)

\*ISAS- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest- [www.isasw.org/](http://www.isasw.org/)
MSA- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools- <http://www.msa-cess.org/>

^NAC- National Accreditation Commission- <https://www.earlylearningleaders.org/>

\*^NAEYC- National Association for the Education of Young Children- [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)
NAIS- National Association of Independent Schools- [www.nais.org/](http://www.nais.org/)
NAPS- National Association of Private Schools-<http://www.napsaccreditation.com/>
\*NCPSA- National Council for Private School Accreditation- [www.ncpsa.org](http://www.ncpsa.org/)
NCSA- National Christian School Association- [www.nationalchristian.org](http://www.nationalchristian.org)

\*^NECPA- National Early Childhood Program Accreditation- <http://necpa.net/>
NIPSA- National Independent Private Schools Association- [www.nipsa.org/](http://www.nipsa.org/)

\*NLSA- National Lutheran School Association- <http://www.lcms.org/schools>

NMPED- New Mexico Public Education Department- accreditation recognized per NM Administrative Code 6.81.2

\*SAES- Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools- [www.swaes.org](http://www.swaes.org)

\*WCEA- Western Catholic Educational Association- <https://www.wcea.org/>

\*Educational Accrediting Agencies recognized by the NM Public Education Department per NMAC 6.81.2

^National Accreditation Bodies the NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department accepts for 5-star criteria

Private School Associations

ACTS- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools- <http://actsschools.org>

ELEA- Evangelical Lutheran Education Association- [www.eleanational.org](http://www.eleanational.org)

NCEA- National Catholic Education Association- [www.ncea.org/](http://www.ncea.org/)