

Atlanta School Directory



It's no secret that Atlanta is home to many excellent schools and learning resources. The following profiles represent a selection of independent and charter schools in the Metro Atlanta area. For additional information about the schools listed below, including location, class size and open house dates, turn to "Beyond the Basics" on page 35.

ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Atlanta International School doesn't just prepare students for college—it gives them the intellectual and cultural confidence to succeed in a globally connected world. Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, AIS was the dream of parents, educators and members of the business community who understood and valued the benefits of an international education. Today, AIS is the only school in Georgia, and one of only a handful of schools in the U. S., to offer an International Baccalaureate education in grades 4k–12. The prestigious IB program, the fastest-growing curriculum in the world, is a rigorous, inquiry-based curriculum recognized by the world's most renowned universities and colleges. Seventy percent of AIS graduates pursue higher education at top-100 ranked U.S. schools, while 18% of this year's graduates are attending prestigious universities around the globe.

Located in Buckhead, AIS is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Current enrollment stands at nearly 1,000

students in 4k through grade 12, of which 50% are American and 50% international, hailing from over 70 nations. Primary students follow a bilingual curriculum of English plus French, German or Spanish until the fifth grade. The school offers a full complement of notable extracurricular activities, including an award-winning performing arts program. AIS is also pleased to announce the opening of the Art, Science and Design Center at the start of this school year. This light-filled, environmentally friendly, LEED-designed classroom building will further facilitate the close interdisciplinary collaboration that is the hallmark of the IB curriculum. For more information, call the school at 404-841-3840 or go to www.aischool.org. Visit Atlanta International School during its Open House on December 4, 2010.



ARLINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Arlington Christian School is celebrating over 50 years in quality education, preparing students for college and beyond. Arlington Christian School offers a K5 through grade 12 college preparatory program that incorporates a Christian atmosphere into the learning experience. ACS offers strong spiritual, academic, fine arts and athletic programs designed to educate and develop the whole child. Recent ACT and SAT scores show ACS students perform well above national averages. Arlington is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission "with quality" and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). For more information, call 770-964-9871 or visit www.arlingtonchristian.org.

THE BEDFORD SCHOOL



The Bedford School offers a fresh start to students who have been frustrated in a traditional setting due to learning differences. The school serves children who have been professionally diagnosed as having specific learning disabilities and related disorders. Bedford is located on a 45-acre campus in Fairburn, GA, 15 minutes south of the Atlanta Airport. Their goal is to

maximize each child's potential; they accomplish this through small classes, a structured, multisensory approach and a dedicated staff. Squirrel Hollow Camp summer program offers academic tutoring in a recreational environment. Call Betsy Box, Director, 770-774-8001 or visit www.thebedfordschool.org for more information.

BRANCH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Branch Christian Community School has been serving families in the Gwinnett County area since 1989. Offering 21st Century technology in all class levels from Kindergarten to High School and small class sizes (12/1 in K through 6th grade, and 15/1 in 7th through 12th grade) BCCS presents endless opportunities for students to actively participate in each class, excel when ready, or have structured support when needed. Daily courses include Chapel, Fine Arts, Music and Theater Arts, plus Gifted and Enrichment classes. Other activities include Student Government, Community Involvement and year-end, week-long educational trips to places like Washington, D.C., Jekyll Island, Rock Eagle, and New York City.

The BCCS mission statement is: Cultivate, Plant, Grow, Harvest. Our belief is "*Education without Application is Useless Information*," and successful application of education is the catalyst for personal motivation. BCCS, education is about their Today, and for their Tomorrow! Branch is fully accredited with GAC and has tuition scholarships available. For more information, call 770-277-4722 or visit www.brancheducation.com.

BRENAU ACADEMY

From the day Brenau Academy opened its doors in 1928, it has been a high school with a purpose: to prepare talented young women for college educations, successful futures and community involvement. The Academy offers small classes, a college preparatory curriculum and invested teachers as well as the opportunity for students to live and learn on the campus of Brenau Women's College. Advanced students enrolled in the Academy's 'Early College' program get a head start on college by earning up to two years of college credit and/or an Associates Degree in Liberal Studies through Brenau University. Academy students also benefit from a variety of clubs, athletic programs and international travel opportunities. For more information, call 770-534-6140 or visit www.brenauacademy.org.

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Since its establishment in 1970, The Children's School has maintained a tradition of quality education. An independent, non-profit elementary school, The Children's School is a learning environment in which academic development is stressed with social and emotional growth. The atmosphere is a caring, nurturing one that fosters a deep sense of community. Our ten-building Midtown campus across from Piedmont Park allows for freedom within boundaries—a hallmark of our educational philosophy. For more information, call 404-873-6985 or visit www.thecchildrensschool.com.

CLIFF VALLEY SCHOOL



The reputation of our preschool and elementary programs makes Cliff Valley a top choice among Atlanta families for education. The success of our current programs coupled with the demands of our current families and the outside community has prompted us to expand through grade 8. We will begin our

expansion by offering 6th grade in the fall of 2011, adding a grade each year thereafter.

Cliff Valley offers a strong academic curriculum complemented by staples such as music, art, physical education, Spanish and its unique "Outdoor Classroom," and we are excited to share more of our quality programming.

Future expansion of our facility includes additional classroom and administrative space, a science lab, a new music room, and a gymnasium with a stage for performing arts. The application deadline for the 2011-2012 school year is Feb. 4. For admissions questions, contact Megan Vitale at 678-302-1302, or visit www.cliffvalleyschool.org for more information.

EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Eastside Christian School provides quality academics from a Biblical perspective in a loving environment, equipping students to be strong in spirit and pure in character as they impact the world for Christ. Since 1983, the goal at ECS has been to give students the best educational experience possible and to help them develop high expectations for themselves. Eastside Christian School provides grades K5 through eight with a pre-first grade option as well as an extended-day program. Providing education to a second generation, Eastside Christian School has earned a reputation for providing outstanding academics enriched by fine arts and athletic programs preparing students for excellent placement in secondary schools, including magnet programs, with continued success in colleges. Located in the heart of East Cobb County, the school is accredited with quality by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. For information, call 770-971-2332 or visit www.eastsidechristianschool.com.

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL



The success of Faith Lutheran School is built on challenging academics offered in a Christ-centered environment. The curriculum promotes individual achievement, fosters self esteem and encourages creativity and social skills. Students benefit from small classes, experienced and innovative educators and a safe, nurturing environment. Programs are offered for transitional kindergarten through 8th grade, along with preschool for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Faith Lutheran offers volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, cheerleading, track, tennis and golf. The school has band, choir, handbell choir and music classes. Spanish classes are also offered for K-8.

Founded in 1958, Faith Lutheran School is accredited by SACS and nationally accredited through the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Faith Lutheran School is located at 2111 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, GA. Call 770-973-8921, email faithls@faithlcms.org or visit www.faithlcms.org for more information.

GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY



For more than 40 years, it has been George Walton Academy's mission to establish and maintain a safe environment, to promote life-long learning and to assist students in becoming responsible, self-disciplined adults who will contribute positively to society. GWA's small classes offer increased individualized attention from its dedicated teacher base. Curriculum and technology are continuously evaluated to ensure students are equipped with the most current educational tools available.

The beautiful 50-acre campus allows many opportunities for students to become involved in a multitude of athletic and extra-curricular activities; developing their interests, encouraging community service and building confidence, self-esteem and mutual respect. Located 45 miles east of Atlanta, GWA continues to provide an exceptional environment in which college-bound students can reach their goals.

next step in the student's academic career. Age-appropriate chapels are held on a weekly basis and include music, devotionals, speakers and prayer. Ninety-eight percent of the 2010 graduates will be continuing their education in college, and 84 percent receive the Georgia HOPE Scholarship. For more information, call 770-992-4975 (Elementary School) or 770-993-1650 (Middle and High School), or visit www.fellowshipchristianschool.org.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fellowship Christian School offers a K4 through grade 12 college preparatory program that incorporates a Christian worldview into the learning experience. It offers strong spiritual, academic, fine arts and athletic programs designed to educate the whole child. The curriculum is structured to be challenging at each grade level in preparation for the

FIRST MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF ATLANTA

When Larry Page and Sergey Brin, co-founders of Google.com, were asked whether they credited their success to having college professors as parents, they said no. Page and Brin attribute their success to a Montessori education—because Montessori works! First Montessori School of Atlanta, the oldest Mon-

HIGH MEADOWS SCHOOL



High Meadows School is a non-profit, co-educational, independent, and non-sectarian day school serving children from age three through eighth grade. Located on more than 40 wooded acres in Roswell, Georgia, High Meadows is what school should be. Committed to excellence, High Meadows School's innovative, inquiry-based, integrated curriculum emphasizes love of learning, creativity, meaningful connections and accomplishment. The school is deeply engaged with the world around it, from its diverse community of students, staff, and families to its extensive, long-standing environmental education program to its internationally focused curriculum. Founded in 1973, High Meadows School is highly respected and consistently recognized for best practices, innovation, and excellence by major educational organizations, including the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), SAIS-SACS and NAEYC. High Meadows received the 2004 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award for its standardized test scores ranking in the top 10% of the country.

High Meadows also provides a wide variety of co-curricular enrichment programs: Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, Environmental Studies, Spanish, Technology, Physical Education, and Mini-Courses. High Meadows' graduates become their own educational advocates and develop into life-long learners. For more information, please call 770-993-2940 or visit www.highmeadows.org.

tessori school in the Southeast, provides an environment that balances academic preparation with building social, emotional and physical abilities. First Montessori is located on a seven-acre wooded campus in Sandy Springs. This hands-on, discovery-based education serves children ages 1 1/2 to 14. First Montessori provides students with a foundation and appreciation for learning that will support problem-solving and collaborative skills needed for their future challenges. For more information, call 404-252-3910 to make an appointment, or visit www.firstmontessori.org.

Benefits of GWA include: 100% of graduates are accepted to college; SAT scores are consistently above the national average; national award-winning Fine Arts and Music programs; fully accredited. For more information, call 770-267-7578 or visit www.gwa.com.

HEBRON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Hebron Christian Academy has two campuses but only one mission: to help parents prepare their students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially to become disciples of Jesus Christ. HCA is a private Christian school currently serving 1,015 students from grades kindergarten through 12. HCA offers an academically challenging program, including AP and Honors classes, with students scoring far above the national average. The school also offers award-winning fine arts programs and Leadership Development.



In addition, HCA offers a broad range of sports; students participate competitively in GHSA region 8-A. For more information, call the elementary campus, 770-962-5423, the high school campus, 770-963-9250, or visit at www.hebronlions.org.

THE HERITAGE SCHOOL



The Heritage School was founded in 1970 to create an outstanding educational opportunity for the families of Coweta, Fayette and surrounding counties. As an independent, co-

educational, college preparatory, non-sectarian day school, Heritage serves a student population of approximately 400, from 3 years of age through graduation from high school. The mission of The Heritage School is to develop the mind in preparation for college and later life, to develop the body through competition and teamwork, to develop the spirit through self-awareness and growth, and to develop camaraderie through shared experience. We recognize the unique strengths and needs of every child and work with those assets to create enthusiasm for learning and a path for each child's personal growth and development. We value family, an intimate learning environment and self-respect. We see ourselves as stewards of human potential and take great pride in the ethos of our graduates. For more information, call 770-253-9898 or visit www.heritagehawks.org.

IMAGINE MARIETTA

Imagine Marietta opened in 2006, bringing innovation and school improvement to public education. The school implements Project CHILD (Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered), a research-based teaching/learning system for grades kindergarten through five. The emphasis is on reading, writing and mathematics, with science and social studies throughout. Three teachers form cluster teams—one teacher for reading, one for writing and one for mathematics. Cluster teams work across three grade levels—kindergarten through second and

MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Providing academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment since 1976, Mount Paran Christian School unites with home and church to prepare servant-leaders to honor God, love others and walk in Truth. A commitment to be unapologetically Christian and uncompromisingly academic, the result is an interdenominational community with a passion for serving and learning. Experiences for spiritual growth include weekly chapel services, daily Bible classes, and various outreach opportunities including community service projects and short-term overseas mission trips. Additionally, with full SACS-SAIS accreditation and a nurturing environment for students PK3 through grade 12, MPKS offers challenging academics including AP and Honors courses in high school and gifted programs in middle and lower schools, an expanding athletics program totaling 15 sports competing in GHSA region 6-A, as well as the Dozier School of the Performing Arts. A difference worth considering, call the Admissions Office at 770-578-0182 or visit www.mtparanschool.com for more information or a personal tour.



third through fifth. Teachers have the same students for three years, building trust and deeper awareness of the students' strengths and weaknesses. For more information, call 770-590-4430 or visit www.mariettacharterschool.org.

KENNESAW CHARTER SCIENCE & MATH ACADEMY

Kennesaw Charter Science & Math Academy is a public school that operates within guidelines of a charter. While a strong instructional focus is placed on Mathematics and Science, instruction is driven by the Georgia Performance Standards.

Families are required to complete 20 volunteer hours per school year to insure their child's spot for the next year. Because of this commitment, families are more vested in their child's education, resulting in more educational follow-through in the home and success academically. Although ultimately accountable to the Cobb County School Board, KCSMA also has its own board of parents and community members, which meets each month.

KCSMA is significantly smaller than most county schools. The '09-'10 school year ended with approximately 440 students, making it harder for students to get lost in the crowd. Many staff know students well beyond their own classrooms, which ensures more accountability by students for their actions. For more information, call 678-290-9628 or visit www.kennesawcharter.com.

SEIGAKUIN ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Seigakuin Atlanta International School (SAINTS) offers bicultural and bilingual education in Japanese and English to children from age 2 1/2 through sixth grade. SAINTS' families have represented over 16 different countries since the school's founding in 1990. Approximately 50 percent of its students are U.S. citizens. Accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Education, SAINTS offers quality education in a Christian environment through a two-way immersion program: Both native English speakers and Japanese speakers study math, science, social studies, etc., in English and Japanese. SAINTS' alumni excel in both American and Japanese school systems. The immersion program offers 90 percent Japanese immersion at the early grades, with the ratio of instructional languages gradually shifting to 50-50 in the upper grades. SAINTS prepares students to become active participants in an international society. Limited placement is available in a pro-

gram that occurs two or three days per week for children ages 2 1/2 to 3. For more information, call 770-730-0045 or visit www.seig.ac.jp/english-atlanta.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In its 57th year as a K-8 school within the Archdiocese of Atlanta, St. Joseph Catholic School is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The school was recently awarded

the distinction of being a "Top Private" school in Metro Atlanta. Its academically challenging curriculum and focus on character-building in its students are ways in which the school fosters the development of the whole child. The standard curriculum is enhanced with Art, Music, Drama, Computer Lab, Spanish and weekly school Mass. The school is located at 81 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA, 30060. For more information, call 770-428-3328 or visit www.stjosephschool.org. **N**

Beyond The Basics

School	Phone	County	Neighborhood	Annual Tuition Range	Avg. Class Size	Religious Affiliation	Accreditations or Affiliations	Open House Dates*
Arlington Christian School	770-964-9871	Fulton	Fairburn	\$6,405-\$9,542	16	C	SACS, GAC	Call for Tour
Atlanta International School	404-841-3840	Fulton	Buckhead/ Garden Hills	\$17,000-\$19,500	16	N/A	CIS, IB, SACS	12/4
The Bedford School	770-774-8001	Fulton	Fairburn	\$15,350	10	N/A	GAC, SACS	Contact School
Branch Christian Community School	770-277-4722	Gwinnett	Lawrenceville	\$6,040-\$7,990	12-15	ND	GAC	By appointment
Brenau Academy	770-534-6243	Hall	Gainesville	\$12,000-\$27,000	11	N/A	SACS	10/23 & Mon.- Thurs. by appt.
The Children's School	404-873-6985	Fulton	Midtown	\$15,990	22	N/A	SACS, SAIS, AAIS, SACS-CASI, NAIS, CASE	Tues & Thurs, Nov.- Mar.
Cliff Valley School	678-302-1302	DeKalb	Decatur	\$3,735-\$14,445	24	N/A	GAC, SAIS, SACS	11/13, 11/18, 12/2, 1/9, 1/13, 1/20
Eastside Christian School	770-971-2332	Cobb	East Cobb	\$5,181-\$7,304	14	ND	GAC, ACSI	10/27, 1/13, 2/2, 3/2
Faith Lutheran Church and School	770-973-8921	Cobb	East Cobb	\$3,600-\$6,500	14	L	SACS, NLSA	12/5, 1/23, 3/6
Fellowship Christian School	770-992-4975	Fulton	Roswell	\$3,000-\$12,348	24	ND	ACSI, GAC, SACS	K4-5th: 11/9, 1/25; 6th-12th: 11/10, 1/26
First Montessori School of Atlanta	404-252-3910	Fulton	Sandy Springs	\$9,350-\$16,135	varies	N/A	AMI, AAIS, SAIS, SACS	10/ 21, 11/ 5, 12/ 3, 1/ 20
George Walton Academy	770-267-7578	Walton	Monroe	\$3,650-\$8,550	17	N/A	GAC, SACS, SAIS	September
Hebron Christian Academy	770-962-5423 or 770-963-9250	Gwinnett	Dacula	\$5,550-\$6,900	20-25	ND	SACS, ACSI	1/10
The Heritage School	770-253-9898	Coweta	Newnan	\$6,860-\$12,980	16	N/A	SACS, SAIS	11/4
High Meadows School	770-993-2940	Fulton	Roswell	\$4,841-\$14,981	20	N/A	IB, NAEYC, SAIS, SACS	11/6, 12/5, 1/8, 2/6, 3/5
Imagine Marietta	770-590-4430	Cobb	Marietta	Free	18	N/A	SACS	Contact school
Kennesaw Charter Science & Math Academy	678-290-9628	Cobb	Kennesaw	Free	20	N/A	SACS, GCSA, CCC	None
Mount Paran Christian School	770-578-0182	Cobb	Marietta	\$2,857-\$13,230	20	C, ND	SACS, SAIS, GISA	Check Web site
Seigakuin Atlanta International School	770-730-0045	Gwinnett	Norcross	\$6,500-\$8,600	12	ND	Japanese Ministry of Education	10/21
St. Joseph Catholic School	770-428-3328	Cobb	Marietta	\$5,705-\$7,417	28	CC	SACS, SAIS	1/22

C - Christian CC - Catholic L - Lutheran N/A - Does not Apply ND - Non-denominational

* Open house dates may be specific to a grade level or day of the week. Please contact each school for details.