

**NC K-12 PRIVATE SCHOOLS
2024-2025:
A REVIEW OF CURRICULUM
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NC K-12 Private Schools 2024-2025: A Review of Curriculum

Executive Summary

The North Carolina “Opportunity Scholarship Program” (school voucher program) was implemented in 2014 to provide taxpayer-funded tuition vouchers for K-12 students already attending public schools to attend private schools. This program has expanded substantially each year as the North Carolina Legislature has loosened the eligibility requirements, allowing any family, regardless of income or whether the student had attended public school, to qualify for vouchers.

In 2014, 1,126 private school vouchers were funded, costing the state \$4.6 million. For the 2024-2025 (April) school year, the number increased to 80,274 school vouchers costing taxpayers \$431,724,215 million. Overall costs for these private school vouchers are projected to **increase to \$9.74 billion by 2034.**

This report focuses on the curriculum taught in North Carolina's K-12 private schools that received vouchers for the 2024-2025 school year. The report is modeled on research completed by the North Carolina League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear (NC LWV-LCF) in 2017 that reported curriculum choices of private schools participating in the school voucher program. Their study concluded that the majority of voucher-receiving private schools were using a biblical worldview curriculum (see Appendix A) that did not align with public education requirements at the secondary or postsecondary levels in North Carolina.¹ They initiated their research based on a report by the Children’s Law Clinic, Duke School of Law, that reviewed North Carolina private schools receiving vouchers (March 2017).² The Duke study reviewed school vouchers with this purpose in mind: “Because voucher programs, like the one in North Carolina, are supported through tax revenues, the public has a stake in knowing whether the money spent represents a sound investment. In addition, because attendance at a private school meets the state’s compulsory education requirement, the state has a stake in being assured that the education offered meets basic standards.”³

The Duke report called attention to the lack of academic requirements with this statement: “In fact, there is no requirement that the participating private schools meet any threshold of academic quality. Thus, to the extent that the program was established to provide options for better academic outcomes

¹ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum*. NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

² Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, & Wettach, J. R. (2017). *School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years*. Duke Law School. https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/docs/School_Vouchers_NC.pdf

³ Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, & Wettach, J. R. (2017). *School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years* (p. 16). Duke Law School. https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/docs/School_Vouchers_NC.pdf

for children, nothing in the program’s design assures or even promotes that outcome.”⁴

Since the Duke study did not review the curriculum being used in these private schools, the curriculum became the focus of the NC LWV-LC report. NC LWV-LCF reviewed the private schools curriculum and contrasted it to the rigorous [North Carolina Standard Course of Study \(NCSCOS\)](#)⁵ that guides content for public schools. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is charged with implementing the state's public school laws for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public schools, at the direction of the North Carolina State Board of Education and the North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction. The learning standards set by the North Carolina State Board of Education are a collaboration of experts in various content areas who work together to define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level and course. These experts from secondary and post-secondary levels have expertise in areas such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The NCSCOS is well documented and available for public review on the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction website.⁶

While this report does not conduct an in-depth review of specific curriculum as completed by the NC LWV-LCF study, it does present information on the current curriculum approaches used by the 642 NC K-12 private schools receiving school vouchers in 2024-2025 and denotes if these private schools are using standards comparable to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study used in North Carolina public schools.

Of the 642 private schools receiving school voucher funds, 469 were classified as religious schools and 173 were classified as nonreligious schools. The majority of the religious schools (73 percent) use a curriculum based on the tenets of a biblical worldview (details in Appendix A). Based on reviews of the curriculum used in North Carolina’s voucher-receiving private schools, there is concern that taxpayer money is being used to support schools that may not be meeting the fundamental purpose of our educational system—preparing students for 21st-century colleges and careers.

Taxpayers have already spent nearly a half a billion this year for private school tuition vouchers to schools whose curriculum, for most of the schools, is not aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS).⁷ Just as taxpayer-funded public schools should meet state-mandated academic standards, private schools receiving public dollars should select curriculum materials that meet or closely align with the content standards established by the NCSCOS.

⁴ Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, & Wettach, J. R. (2017). *School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years* (p. 15). Duke Law School.
https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/docs/School_Vouchers_NC.pdf

⁵ *Standard Course of Study | NC DPI*. (n.d.). North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. <https://dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/office-teaching-and-learning/standard-course-study>

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⁷ *Annual Reports*. (n.d.). North Carolina State Education Assistance Agency (NCSEAA)
<https://www.ncseaa.edu/about/annual-reports/>

The North Carolina Legislature should appoint a study commission to make recommendations for acceptable curriculum requirements for private schools receiving tax dollars for school vouchers that are aligned to what public schools are required to offer students. The commission should require private schools to state clear goals and expectations for what students should be learning each year. This information is publicly available for public schools and should also be publicly available for private schools that accept taxpayer funded school voucher tuition payments.

Review Focus

In 2017, the North Carolina County League of Women Voters-Lower Cape Fear (NC LWV-LCF) reported that the majority of the school voucher funding went to schools that used a literal biblical worldview that guided their curriculum. The NC LWV-LCF used curriculum experts and other online research procedures to determine the schools' position, which is outlined in their report. Below is an excerpt summarizing their findings:

“Expert educators have concluded that this biblical worldview curriculum does not prepare these students for 21st century colleges or careers. The University of California, for example, does not accept these schools’ curriculum in Science, History, Government or Literature as fulfilling the requirements for entrance to that University.

The largest accrediting agency for Christian Schools is the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), which accredits many of the schools we reviewed. ACSI sued the University of California for not accepting their courses and the University won that case. From the Order granting defendants’ motion for summary judgment, we discovered that UC rejected 175 courses, including Abeka and Bob Jones U. curriculum textbooks, proposed by ACSI schools during the relevant time period cited in the court case.

In addition to critical reviews of the Abeka and Bob Jones U. textbooks by professors in the University of California court case and their finding that students from schools using this curriculum were not eligible to be admitted to this major University, Dr. William Snider, Founding Director of the UNC Neuroscience Center and Dr. Lawrence Kessler, former Chair of Asian Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, reviewed the Biology and World History textbooks, respectively. They, too, found those textbooks did not have the academic rigor required for college level coursework. Our LWV-LCF Education Action Team also reviewed Abeka textbooks to analyze these concerns and wrote reports on the Abeka textbooks, which were considered in making an assessment of academic rigor and our recommendations.”⁸

Their report concluded that this curriculum did not meet the rigorous “gold standard” requirements of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study which dictates what all students in North Carolina public schools learn by the end of each grade level and course. These standards outline what students should know and to be able to be successful in postsecondary pursuits.

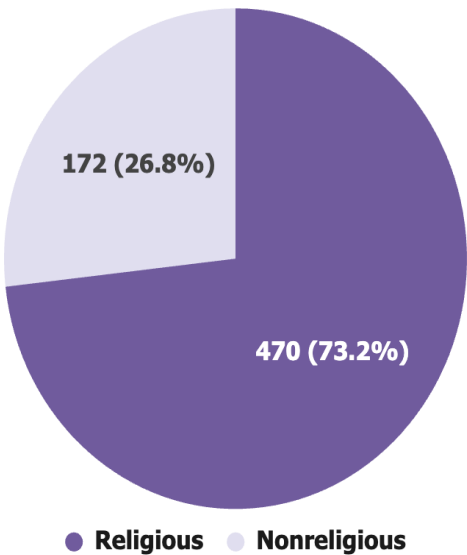
This report, while it does not repeat the in-depth analysis of the non-NCSCOS content materials, textbooks, and guidelines, does update, and classify the curriculum usage information for 2024-25 (April 2025 update by NCSEAA) for North Carolina’s private schools receiving taxpayer-funded school vouchers.

⁸ LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum* (p. 4). League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

Curriculum Types

This report reviews the curriculum offered in North Carolina private schools that receive school vouchers to determine what curriculum they use and if they are using curriculum aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS). The NCSCOS, required in all public schools, provides a rigorous and uniform set of learning standards for all students. Currently, private schools, even those that receive tax-funded school vouchers, are not required to meet the standards set by the NCSCOS. There are 642 North Carolina K-12 private schools receiving tax-funded school vouchers; most of these private schools are religious schools, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. NC K-12 Private Schools Receiving School Vouchers by Percent Religious & Nonreligious: 2024-25.



The NCSCOS defines the content standards for each grade and each high school course, establishing a uniform set of learning standards for every child in North Carolina's public schools. These standards define what students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of each school year or course, so that they are prepared for postsecondary opportunities, whether in college, career, or the military. Public schools select the specific curriculum materials they use to meet the standards. The NCSCOS is often referred to as a "gold standard" because it defines the uniform learning standards for all public schools in North Carolina, ensuring a consistent foundation for education across the state as specified in the North Carolina State Constitution. The content of the curriculum being taught in K-12 schools and the degree to which it aligns to high-quality content standards determines whether students are provided with the education needed to excel in higher education institutions or the workplace.

More details about the NCSCOS and each of the primary curriculum types used in private schools are provided in Appendix A. There are some religious and nonreligious schools that teach curricula that could meet the standards for higher education institutions. There are also religious schools that incorporate

secular content along with religious content, as well as nonreligious schools that offer rigorous curriculum programming.

We reviewed the 642 North Carolina K-12 private schools receiving tax-funded school vouchers in 2024-25 and classified them into eight categories. The categories are briefly described below, including two categories that utilize the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

Christian, Biblical Worldview

- **Definition:** The curriculum or school website includes a mission statement, vision, or philosophy of education that is clear in its connection to the Bible, directly informing its content. Schools labeled as "biblical worldview" specifically mention that their academics are connected to Christian principles and are taught through that lens. Keywords used in these descriptions include: serving Christ, biblical worldview, rooted in biblical principles, Christ-centered academics, and grounded in Scripture.
- **Example:** Abeka, Bob Jones University, Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), or a combination of curricula. (See Appendix A.)

Christian, Curriculum Other

- **Definition:** The curriculum or website does **not** include a mission statement, vision, or philosophy of education that connects the Bible to their curriculum content, and/or it is vague in language regarding the biblical connection to the curriculum. These Christian schools tend to use vague language in their curriculum or vision. They often aim to create a “positive Christian environment” but don’t explicitly state that they teach through a biblical lens or incorporate religious principles into their academic curriculum.
- **Example:** Hard to determine an appropriate example since it is usually unique to the school, or just too vague in their online descriptions to discern their curriculum.

Religious (non-Christian), Curriculum Other

- **Definition:** A religious, non-Christian school that does **not** specify the use of NCSCOS to guide curriculum decisions. This category includes non-Christian religious schools that don't use NCSCOS. They may follow the North Carolina Common Core or use other standards.
- **Example:** Unique to each school. In this study, some individuals follow Jewish or Islamic faiths, specifying that they also adhere to the North Carolina Common Core Curriculum alongside their religious teachings. (It should be noted that North Carolina no longer uses the Common Core curriculum.)

North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) Religious Schools

- **Definition:** Any religious school that explicitly states the use of NCSCOS in some or all of its curriculum choices. This category includes **all** religious schools (Christian, Islamic, etc.) that use the NCSCOS framework in at least one part of their curriculum. Many follow the NCSCOS alongside religious teachings.

- **Example:** The Diocese of Raleigh (and any private Catholic school working under or approved by them) is required to follow the NCSCOS standards to some extent.

North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) Nonreligious Schools

- **Definition:** Any nonreligious school that explicitly states the use of NCSCOS framework in some or all of its curriculum. These schools follow the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS). They explicitly state their integration of the NCSCOS standards or use it in conjunction with religious teachings.
- **Example:** Aligned with the NCSCOS standards.

Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified

- **Definition:** A nonreligious school that does not use curriculum aligned with NCSCOS standards. Does not provide a specific universal curriculum. These schools are nonreligious and often use vague language to describe their curriculum or use a curriculum that is tailored to their school.
- **Example:** These schools may be based in nature, assert project-based learning, rooted in STEAM, or as mentioned, specific to their school (e.g., Rainbow Community School “7 Domains” approach).

Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified

- **Definition:** A nonreligious school that does not teach the North Carolina Standard Course of Study standards but does use an approach that is well defined. These schools are nonreligious and use a curriculum that is universal, consistent, or well-established on a broad scale. These are often Montessori schools, with some schools employing established approaches to teaching students with learning disabilities.
- **Example:** Montessori curriculum, whose key features are about “honoring the human spirit and the development of the whole child...based on ideals of equity, inclusion, and social justice.... focused on care of self, others, and the environment.”

Curriculum Not Found

- **Definition:** A school with no website and/or no clear information on curriculum or approach. Schools (religious and nonreligious) that cannot be classified under the above categories because of a lack of information available. The majority of the schools in this category are religious schools with no website or no information on their Facebook page.
- **Example:** No clear sample curriculum is available for these schools. They do not provide enough information available to categorize them; therefore, no information could be offered on behalf of the curriculum.

Based on these eight categories above, the majority of the private schools were identified as “Christian, Biblical Worldview” (see Table 1 and Figure 2). These schools mentioned using a biblical worldview in their vision, mission, philosophy of education, or curriculum, or they emphasized the integration of biblical teachings directly into their curriculum. The majority of private school voucher funding for 2024-

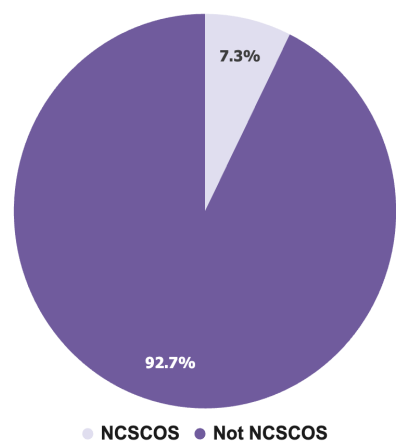
25 is still allocated to private schools that utilize a **biblical worldview curriculum** (53.58 percent), most often the Abeka curriculum or the Bob Jones University Curriculum, with a smaller percentage using the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum.

Schools classified as using curriculum aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) were only categorized as such if the website or curriculum *explicitly* stated that they followed it (vague mentions of “following standards” or “using common core” were not counted as NCSCOS). Of the 642 schools studied, only 47 schools stated that they used the NCSCOS, representing a mere 7.3 percent (Figure 2).

Table 1: Number and Percent of NC K-12 Private Schools Receiving School Vouchers By Curriculum Type: 2024-2025.

Curriculum Type	Schools	Percent
Christian, Biblical Worldview	344	53.58%
Christian, Curriculum Other	44	6.85%
Religious, Curriculum Other	9	1.40%
NC Standard Course of Study, Religious Schools	41	6.39%
NC Standard Course of Study, Nonreligious Schools	6	0.93%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified	97	15.11%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified	62	9.66%
Curriculum Not Found	39	6.07%
Total	642	100.00%

Figure 2. NC K-12 Private Schools Receiving School Vouchers by Percent Using the NC Standard Course of Study: 2024-2025.

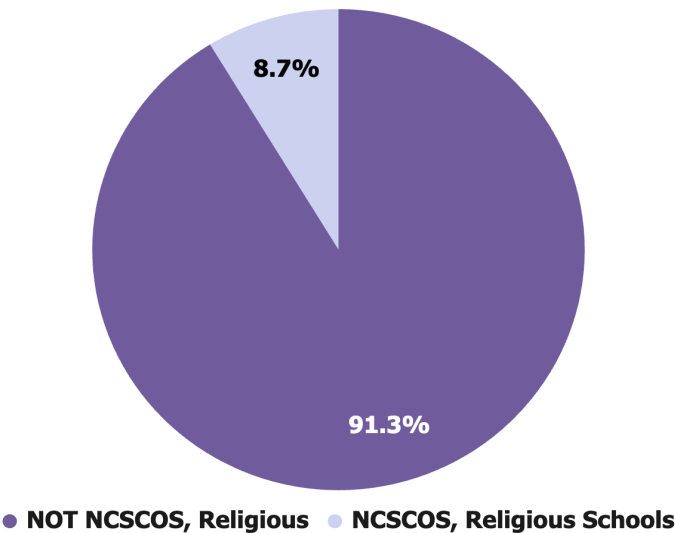


Curriculum used by schools classified as religious are shown in Table 2. Among the religious schools, over 73 percent use a biblical worldview curriculum. Of the 642 schools studied, only 41 (8.74 percent) of the religious schools stated that they used the NCSCOS (Figure 3).

Table 2: NC K-12 Private Religious Schools Receiving School Vouchers by Curriculum Type: 2024-2025.

Curriculum Type	Schools	Percent Religious
Christian, Biblical Worldview	344	73.19%
Christian, Curriculum Other	44	9.36%
Other Religious (non-Christian), Curriculum Other	9	1.91%
NC Standard Course of Study, Religious	41	8.72%
Curriculum Not Found, Religious Schools	32	6.81%
Total (Religious Schools)	470	100%

Figure 3: NC K-12 Private Religious Schools Receiving School Vouchers by Curriculum Type: 2024-2025.



School Voucher Funding

Since the school voucher program was implemented in 2014, there have been several changes in program eligibility. The most significant change has been the increase in the family income level required to qualify for a school voucher. The 2024-25 school year marked the first year that North Carolina’s Opportunity Scholarship, a taxpayer-funded private school voucher program, became universally available. For the first time, all families could apply to receive a tuition subsidy regardless of income or whether their child had ever attended a public school. This policy change marked a striking shift in taxpayer burden from using public dollars to fund only public schools open to all students to adding the expense of funding private schools through tuition vouchers (see Table 3).

With the changes in eligibility, the costs to taxpayers steadily increased; however, the more dramatic increases came with the change that allowed all families, including wealthy families whose children already attended private school, to receive vouchers. (See Figure 4.) The initial voucher program was intended to serve only low-income students who wanted a private school alternative. The cumulative cost by 2034 is estimated to be nearly \$10 billion in tax dollars.⁹

Table 3: NC K-12 Private School Voucher Eligibility Expansion: 2014-15 to 2024-25.

Policy	2014-15	2021-22*	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Prior Public School Enrollment	Required in Grades 2-12	Required in Grades 2-12	Required in Grades 3-12	Required in Grades 3-12	Not Required
Max Income Family/4 to Get Vouchers	\$53,000	\$73,538	\$89,842	\$111,000	No Income Limit
Max Voucher Paid	\$4,200/yr	\$4,200/yr	\$6,168/yr	\$6,492/yr	\$7,468/yr
Number Vouchers	1,216	20,377	25,568	32,547	80,274

*There were no major changes in the program from 2015 through 2020.

⁹ Public Schools First NC. (2024). *North Carolina’s voucher expansion*. Public Schools First NC. https://publicschoolsfirstnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/9.2024-HB10-Voucher-Expansion_1pg.pdf

Figure 4: NC Taxpayer-Funded School Voucher Spending: 2014-15 to 2024-2025.

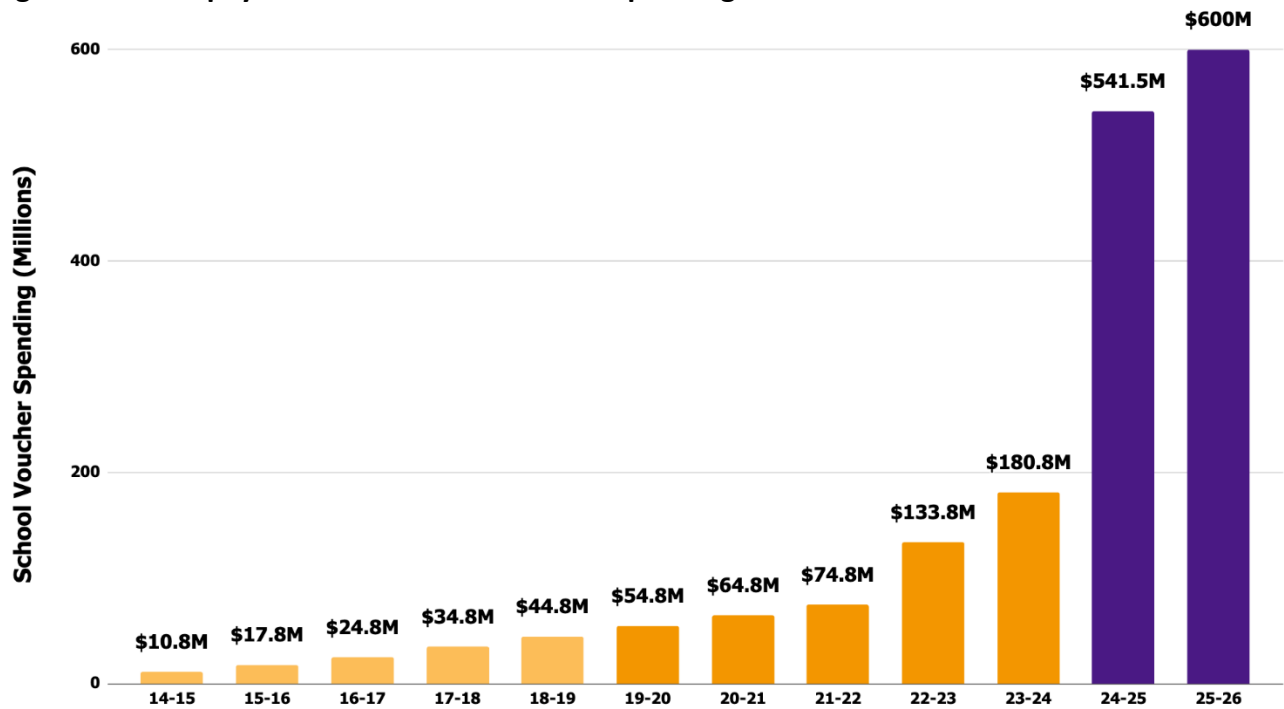


Figure 5 shows the school voucher funding distribution for religious and nonreligious North Carolina private K-12 schools. In 2024-25, the percentage of religious schools was 86 percent. The percentage of private schools participating in the school voucher program that are religious from 2014-15 through 2024-25 was 88.5 percent.

Figure 5. NC K-12 Private School by Percent Religious & Nonreligious and School Voucher Funding: 2014-2025.

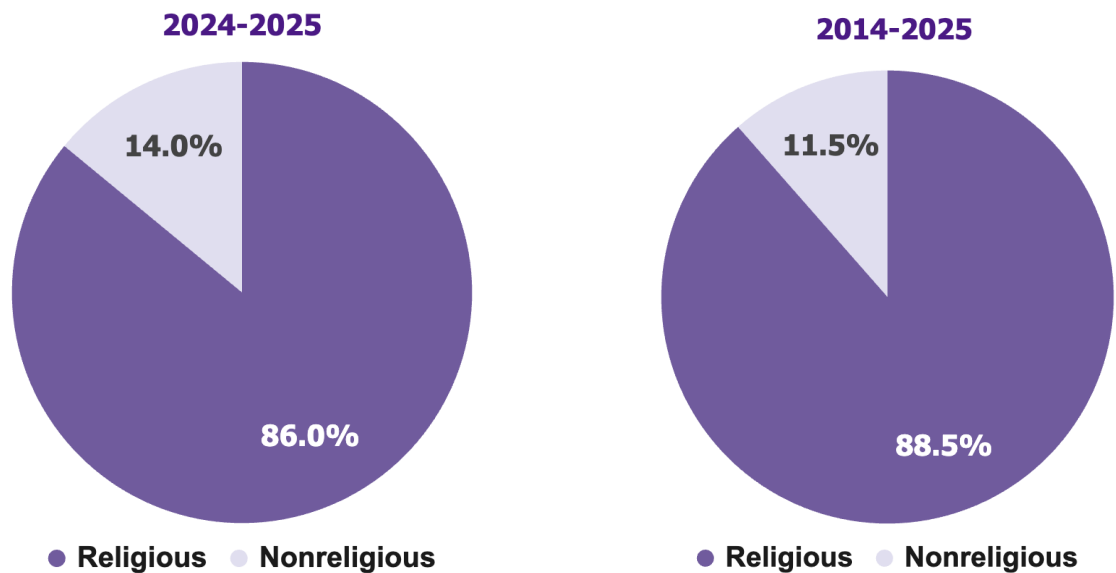


Table 4 presents the curriculum type used by North Carolina private schools, along with the voucher funding they received in 2024-2025. The private schools using the biblical worldview curriculum received over 67 percent of the voucher funding (\$290,480,899). The information on curriculum type and voucher funding since 2014 is shown in Table 5. As shown, there are similar percent allocations, with nearly 69 percent of all voucher funding (\$704,722,874) going to private schools teaching the biblical worldview from the program's beginning in 2014-15 through 2024-2025.

Table 4. NC Private Schools by Curriculum Type and School Voucher Funding: 2024-2025.

Curriculum Type	Schools	Percent	Funding	Percent
Christian, Biblical Worldview	344	53.58%	\$290,480,899	67.28%
Christian, Curriculum Other	44	6.85%	\$32,483,658	7.52%
Religious, Curriculum Other	9	1.40%	\$4,846,638	1.12%
NC Standard Course of Study, Religious	41	6.39%	\$39,011,423	9.04%
NC Standard Course of Study, Nonreligious	6	0.93%	\$1,104,732	0.26%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified	97	15.11%	\$30,608,961	7.09%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified	62	9.66%	\$27,928,396	6.47%
Curriculum Not Found	39	6.07%	\$5,259,508	1.22%
Totals	642	100.00%	\$431,724,215	100.00%

Table 5. NC Private Schools by Curriculum Type and School Voucher Funding: 2014-2025.

Curriculum Type	Schools	Percent	Funding	Percent
Christian, Biblical Worldview	344	53.58%	\$704,722,874	68.83%
Christian, Curriculum Other	44	6.85%	\$82,438,639	8.05%
Religious, Curriculum Other	9	1.40%	\$13,166,287	1.29%
NC Standard Course of Study, Religious	41	6.39%	\$92,491,856	9.03%
NC Standard Course of Study, Nonreligious	6	0.93%	\$1,690,311	0.17%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified	97	15.11%	\$68,150,774	6.66%
Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified	62	9.66%	\$45,084,605	4.40%
Curriculum Not Found	39	6.07%	\$16,111,178	1.57%
Totals	642	100.00%	\$1,023,856,524	100.00%

Top 20 NC K-12 Private Schools In Voucher Funding Received

The top 20 private schools in voucher funding received for 2024-2025 are shown in Table 6. All of these schools are religious and all but two of them use curriculum materials founded on a biblical worldview. Thirteen have been receiving funding through school vouchers since 2014 (Table 7).

Table 6. Top 20 NC K-12 Private Schools In Voucher Funding Received: 2024-2025.

Private School Name	Funding Received	County	Curriculum Type
<u>Grace Christian School</u>	\$5,130,642	Lee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Metrolina Christian Academy</u>	\$4,731,790	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>North Raleigh Christian Academy</u>	\$4,319,985	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Concord Academy</u>	\$3,809,713	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Fayetteville Christian School</u>	\$3,674,927	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Gaston Christian School</u>	\$3,574,826	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Wake Christian Academy</u>	\$3,405,972	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Liberty Christian Academy</u>	\$3,353,385	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Covenant Day School</u>	\$3,319,309	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Wesleyan Christian Academy</u>	\$3,269,916	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Berean Baptist Academy</u>	\$3,194,329	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Calvary Day School</u>	\$3,183,888	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>High Point Christian Academy</u>	\$3,088,189	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Burlington Christian Academy</u>	\$3,028,464	Alamance	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Wayne Christian School</u>	\$2,941,533	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Hickory Grove Christian School</u>	\$2,914,455	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>North Hills Christian School</u>	\$2,902,834	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Carmel Christian School</u>	\$2,902,295	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Freedom Christian Academy</u>	\$2,884,554	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville</u>	\$2,749,382	Cumberland	Christian, Curriculum Other

Table 7. Top 20 NC K-12 Private Schools In Voucher Funding Received: 2014 through 2025.

Private School Name	Funding Received	County	Curriculum Type
<u>Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville</u>	\$15,039,561	Cumberland	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Grace Christian School</u>	\$13,179,652	Lee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Berean Baptist Academy</u>	\$12,088,362	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Fayetteville Christian School</u>	\$11,061,841	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Liberty Christian Academy</u>	\$10,926,989	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Concord Academy</u>	\$9,552,055	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Freedom Christian Academy</u>	\$8,517,441	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Shining Light Baptist Academy</u>	\$8,102,943	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Northwood Temple Academy</u>	\$7,808,318	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Greensboro Islamic Academy</u>	\$7,617,510	Guilford	NCSCOS, Religious
<u>Wayne Christian School</u>	\$7,607,410	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Salem Baptist Christian School</u>	\$7,392,745	Forsyth	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>High Point Christian Academy</u>	\$7,260,805	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Metrolina Christian Academy</u>	\$7,132,521	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Wesleyan Christian Academy</u>	\$7,070,531	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Living Water Christian School</u>	\$7,037,510	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>North Hills Christian School</u>	\$7,022,501	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Hickory Grove Christian School</u>	\$6,922,038	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Tabernacle Christian School</u>	\$6,855,476	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>North Raleigh Christian Academy</u>	\$6,737,952	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview

Conclusions

Our review of the curriculum used by NC K-12 private schools receiving Opportunity Scholarship-school vouchers reveals that the majority of these private schools do not offer a comparable curriculum that is aligned to NCSCOS standards. The NCSCOS standards focus on preparing students for college-level courses or 21st-century careers at the same level as public schools. Furthermore, most of the schools do not seem to be using curriculum requirement standards that align with the admission guidelines established by the UNC system and other state university systems.¹⁰ Since the private schools are not required to follow or provide a clear set of expectations for learning or follow any specified curriculum, a complete, direct comparison to the NCSCOS and/or college/university requirements is not possible. All schools (public and private) receiving public funds must meet objective and measurable educational standards to prepare our students for higher education and careers. Offering students, a curriculum that is accepted at all colleges and universities in North Carolina and nationwide helps prepare students for careers that require knowledge of 21st-century science and skills.

This year, North Carolina K-12 private schools are receiving more than half a billion in public tax dollars for tuition through the school voucher program. Through the private school voucher program, money is funding North Carolina K-12 private schools that use curriculum that is, for the most part, not aligned with the NCSCOS.

Similarly, the 2017 Duke report concluded: "... should the state continue to offer school vouchers, it should seriously consider amendments to the program...Require all participating schools to offer a curriculum that is at least equivalent to the curriculum used in the North Carolina public schools, providing instruction in English language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, arts education, foreign languages, and technology skills; alternatively design an accreditation system that holds schools to strong academic standards."¹¹

Just as taxpayer-funded public schools should meet state-mandated academic standards, private schools receiving public dollars should meet curriculum standards approved by the state, such as the NCCOS.

If private schools use public funds, their curriculum should be more closely reviewed and aligned with North Carolina K-12 education standards, and student outcomes should be made available to the public. This is required by law for public schools and should not be waived for private schools receiving taxpayer funds.

¹⁰ *Admissions – UNC System*. (n.d.). The University of North Carolina System.
<https://www.northcarolina.edu/students/admission/>

¹¹ Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, & Wettach, J. R. (2017). *School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years* (p. 16). Duke Law School.
https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/docs/School_Vouchers_NC.pdf

Recommendations

K-12 private schools in North Carolina are already exempt from most public school laws and policies, including the public reporting of test scores, as well as those related to special needs students and special education. While there are clearly other areas where accountability should be required for NC K-12 private schools, how our students are prepared for life after high school should be of common concern for taxpayers, parents, educators, and elected leaders.

Currently, there is little to no state oversight of the content students are learning. North Carolina law does not require that private K-12 schools be held accountable for educating students in the same manner as public schools. If tax dollars are used to fund private education, then the NC legislature should require that the curriculum used in the private schools align with the NCSCOS to ensure that students who graduate can meet the minimum admission standards for the UNC system schools and NC Community Colleges. It is also recommended that publicly available data on student outcomes in private voucher-receiving schools be used to help ensure that students receive the education they need for college, career, and life.

Specifically, the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) should establish a special study commission to determine whether curriculum based on a biblical worldview meets the learning standards necessary for our students to succeed after high school in the 21st century. The commission should make recommendations for acceptable curriculum standards that align with what public schools are required to provide. Private schools should demonstrate that they meet the required standards before they are eligible to receive taxpayer funding through the Opportunity Scholarships school voucher program.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: North Carolina Standard Course of Study and Curriculum Descriptions

North Carolina Course of Study¹²

When reviewing the curriculum used in private schools, it is important to understand the requirements of the NC public school system. NC public schools have rigorous requirements for what students must learn to participate in the 21st century. These requirements focus on developing skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and adaptability, in addition to specific subject matter knowledge.

All public schools in North Carolina must follow the NC Standard Course of Study. The North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) defines the appropriate content standards for each grade or proficiency level and each high school course, establishing a uniform set of learning standards for every child in North Carolina's public schools. These standards define what students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of each school year or course and are part of the preparation for postsecondary opportunities, whether in college, career, or the military. Districts select appropriate curriculum materials that align with the NCSCOS.

The North Carolina State Board of Education sets policy, and the [North Carolina Department of Public Instruction \(NCDPI\)](#)¹³ is charged with implementing the state's public school laws for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public schools, at the direction of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The learning standards set by the North Carolina State Board of Education are a collaboration of experts in various content areas who work together to define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level and course. These experts from secondary and post-secondary levels have expertise in areas such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The [North Carolina State Board of Education policy, SCOS-012](#)¹⁴, requires that each content area's standards be reviewed every five to seven years to ensure the NCSCOS consists of clear, relevant standards and objectives. There is a detailed procedure followed for the development, review, and implementation of all content standards. Details for each course can be found on NCDPI's website.

¹² *Standard Course of Study*. NC DPI. (n.d.). North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

<https://dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/office-teaching-and-learning/standard-course-study>

¹³ *About DPI | NC DPI*. (n.d.). North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

<https://dpi.nc.gov/about-dpi>

¹⁴ *Standard Course of Study | NC DPI*. (n.d.). North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

<https://dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/office-teaching-and-learning/standard-course-study>

NC Standard Course of Study

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| • Arts Education | • Healthful Living |
| • CTE and Career Pathways | • Information and Technology |
| • Computer Science, IT, & Technology Ed | • Mathematics |
| • English Language Arts | • Science |
| • English Language Development | • Social Studies |
| • NC Student Success | • World Languages |

In addition, the NC State Board of Education uses a Textbook Selection Committee, also known as the [Textbook Commission](#)¹⁵, to ensure a transparent and rigorous process for adopting instructional materials. The purpose of this committee is to recommend textbooks to the State Board for adoption, with a focus on ensuring alignment with the NC Standard Course of Study and evaluating the appropriateness of the materials.

Finally, North Carolina public universities and colleges require students to have completed specific courses, many of which are part of the NC Standard Course of Study. While the exact requirements vary by institution, they generally include courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages. The UNC System is the public university system of North Carolina, comprising sixteen public universities and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

Biblical Worldview Curriculum

The majority of private schools that receive tuition funding through school vouchers use a “Biblical Worldview” educational approach. It involves using the Bible as a framework to interpret and understand various subjects. Using the biblical perspective in education means utilizing the Bible as a source of wisdom and truth. Since a biblical worldview influences how all subjects are taught, it is essential to recognize how the integration of the Bible may affect students' ability to interpret standard knowledge, such as the world’s creation and the purpose of government.

The most popular curriculum used by private schools that use a “biblical worldview” are the Bob Jones Press Curriculum¹⁶ and the Abeka Curriculum.¹⁷ Below are details regarding these curricula, including goals and statements of faith, as well as lesson plan details from Bob Jones University and reviews of Abeka textbooks.

¹⁵ *Textbook Commission | NC DPI*. (n.d.). North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/textbook-adoption/textbook-commission>

¹⁶ *Bob Jones University Press*. (n.d.). Bob Jones University. <https://www.bjupress.com/>

¹⁷ *Abeka | Excellence in Education from a Christian Perspective*. (n.d.). Abeka; Pensacola Christian College. <https://www.abeka.com/>

Bob Jones University Curriculum

Bob Jones University (BJU) is a conservative evangelical university that creates a Christian education curriculum for PreK-12th grade through Bob Jones Press. In relation to the content they distribute: “Biblical worldview shaping is at the heart of all the materials...Students learn how the Bible is relevant to every academic subject because each textbook includes **biblical worldview shaping**. Instead of beginning with man’s assumptions and then refuting them with God’s truth, **we start with God’s truth as the standard**. Scripture serves as a blueprint for how we put together our textbooks so that **every lesson begins with truth**.”¹⁸

BJU Position Statements Excerpts¹⁹

- We believe the account of origins in Genesis is a factual narrative of historical events; that is, God created the universe, including all original kinds of living organisms (including man) in six literal days...the genealogies recorded in Genesis 5 and 11 indicate a date for the creation week less than ten thousand years ago.
- We believe the fall of man into sin and the consequent curse of God recorded in Genesis 3 had profoundly negative consequences for all of creation including the introduction of death.
- We believe the flood described in Genesis 6–8 was a historical event of approximately a year’s duration, which was global in extent and biologically and geologically catastrophic in effect.
- The Bible clearly prohibits not only non-consensual sexual misconduct (Deut. 22:25–27) but also any consensual sexual activity outside the boundaries of heterosexual marriage (1 Thess. 4:1–8). Furthermore, the Bible specifically names as sinful and prohibits any form of sexual activity between persons of the same sex, polygamy, incest, bestiality, adultery, and fornication of any sort including pornography.
- After conception, the only physical requirements necessary to sustain fetal life are the same requirements necessary to sustain adult life—nutrition, water, and oxygen. Therefore, we believe that life and personhood begin at conception (Psalm 51:5).
- Rather than facilitating the death of the elderly, the Bible instructs the younger to value their wisdom and discretion.

¹⁸ *About BJU Press / BJU Press*. (n.d.). BJU Press. <https://www.bjupress.com/about>

¹⁹ *Position Statements*. (n.d.). Bob Jones University. <https://www.bju.edu/about/positions.php>

BJU Lesson Plan Overview Excerpts²⁰

Though we did not have access to BJU textbooks, their website includes a lesson plan for each course. Below are some points from chapters in the high school Biology and US Government lesson plans.

- Biology 6th Edition
 - Chapter 1: The Living Creation (Foundational)
 - 1.1.2 Compare how naturalists and Christians view biology.
 - 1.1.3 Explain the need for a worldview in the study of biology.
 - 1.3.6 Explain the principles of secular bioethics.
 - Review– Defend the necessity of a biblical worldview for making sound ethical decisions.
 - Chapter 2: The Chemistry of Living Things (Key)
 - 2.3.5 Analyze a model of biblical ethics regarding abortion.
 - Chapter 5: Cytology (Foundational)
 - 5.2.4 Analyze a model of biblical ethics regarding abortion.
 - Chapter 7: Cell Processes (Foundational)
 - 7.1.1 Relate photosynthesis to life in the biosphere according to Genesis 1:29-31
 - Explain how worldview affects one’s response to new technologies.
 - Chapter 8: Basic Genetics (Foundational)
 - 8.2.5 Evaluate the prevailing cultural views of race and gender in light of biological facts.
 - Chapter 9: Advanced Genetics (Key)
 - 9.2.6 Refute the claim that mutation-based diseases are a challenge to the existence of God.
 - Chapter 10: When Worldviews Collide (Foundational)
 - Analyze Darwin’s ideas from a biblical worldview.
 - 10.3.2 Explain how Christians attempt to reconcile the biblical account of Creation with evolution.
 - Evaluate ideas in popular science literature. Rebuild secular, naturalistic ideas in science literature according to a biblical worldview.
 - 10.4.1 Summarize the biblical Creation account.
 - The Evolutionary Roots of Planned Parenthood
 - Compare biblical Creation and evolutionary theory.
 - Evaluate the worldviews presented in examples of popular science literature for their compatibility with biblical models of origins and change.
 - Chapter 11: Classifying Life (Foundational)
 - Analyze how worldview affects how scientists classify life.

²⁰ Lesson Plan Overviews | Resources | BJU Press. (n.d.). BJU Press.
<https://www.bjupress.com/resources/lesson-plan-overviews>

- Chapter 14: Plant Classification and Structure (Key)
 - 14.3.6 Respond to the claim that since God created plants, we have the liberty to use them as we choose.
 - Cannabis—The Good and the Bad.
- Chapter 18: Ectothermic Vertebrates (Key)
 - Discuss the ethics of fishkeeping as a hobby from a biblical worldview.
- Chapter 20: Protection (Enrichment)
 - 20.3.6 Analyze the use of puberty blockers using the principles of bioethics.
 - Give a biblical justification for advancing the study and treatment of diseases.
 - Prioritize the giving of time and money to charitable causes on the basis of a biblical worldview.
 - 24.3.4 Relate hormones to physical and spiritual responses.
- Chapter 25: Reproduction, Growth, and Health (Enrichment)
 - 25.1.3 Explain how the Fall has affected the culture’s view of love and human sexuality.
 - 25.3.5 Analyze the use of assisted suicide using the biblical ethics triad and the principles of bioethics.
- US Government 4th Edition
 - Chapter 1: The Only Sure Foundation
 - Explain the origin of government as a God-ordained institution.
 - Evaluate anarchy based on biblical teaching regarding human depravity.
 - Explain the government's primary biblical obligations.
 - Evaluate governmental policies and actions regarding punishing unrighteousness and rewarding righteousness.
 - Evaluate political issues in light of biblical commands about citizens’ responsibility to submit to the government.
 - Identify ways to be a good testimony to government officials.
 - Chapter 3: Christianity, the Church, and Government
 - Survey Christian involvement in government during the Roman Empire, the Reformation, and in early America.
 - Defend a biblical view of the relationship between church and state against contrary viewpoints.
 - Explain the role of ideologies and a Christian worldview in the formulation of political ideas.
 - Propose ways a Christian may react to the problems created by pluralism.
 - Chapter 13: Foreign Policy
 - Relate American foreign-policy goals to the biblical principles of government.
 - Determine a Christian Response to national security challenges.

Abeka Curriculum

Pensacola Christian College (PCC) is another Christian university that publishes the Abeka curriculum, a set of Christian textbooks and educational materials for K-12th grade students. It emphasizes Christian beliefs and values, teaching all subjects through a faith-based perspective. According to their website, they aim to create: “Comprehensive, **biblically-based curriculum**, textbooks, teaching aids and more for Preschool–Grade 12, with a proven spiral learning approach.”²¹

Abeka Articles of Faith Excerpts²²

- We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired and infallible, authoritative Word of God and that God gave the words of Scripture by inspiration without error in the original autographs.
- We believe that God created the heavens and the earth in six literal days, and that God created all life. We reject the man-made theory of evolution occurring over millions of years and believe that the earth is approximately 6,000 years old.
- We believe that God created man and woman in His image and instituted marriage between one biological man and one biological woman. We believe that mankind, though created in God’s image, chose to sin. Hence, all persons inherit a depraved nature and are lost sinners in need of salvation.
- We believe...eternal hell was created for Satan, his demons, and people who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation...and those that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal damnation in a literal lake of fire.

Abeka Subject Distinctives

The Abeka Publishing website does not list a lesson plan or overview on their website. Instead, below are some excerpts of their “Subject Distinctives.”²³

History: “A realistic view of time, government, geography, and economics based on eternal truths: Abeka’s history courses present an inspiring portrayal of peoples, lands, religions, ideals, heroes, triumphs, and setbacks in light of the biblical principles that govern the natural course of history. Students benefit from this traditional, conservative approach to the study of what man has done with the time God has given to him. Along with the story of history, students see the purpose of government as ordained by God for the maintenance of law and order, not as a cure-all for humanity’s problems. The benefits of free-enterprise economics are presented in contrast with the dangers of Communism, socialism, and liberalism. Geography studies are woven in to provide a well-rounded perspective of locations in conjunction with events.”

²¹ *Abeka | Excellence in Education from a Christian Perspective*. (n.d.). Abeka; Pensacola Christian College. <https://www.abeka.com/>

²² *What We Believe*. (n.d.). Abeka. <https://www.abeka.com/whatwebelieve.aspx>

²³ *Subject Distinctives*. (n.d.). Abeka. https://www.abeka.com/subjectdistinctives.aspx?srsltid=AfmBOorsO9ruygQeNSKTjnE0Wbylkm5uPxtcuLVwZW97NTwRbc_BA8-U

Math: “The study of logic and order to apply to science and daily life Abeka teaches that the laws of mathematics are a creation of God and thus absolute. Man’s task is to search out and make use of the laws of the universe, both scientific and mathematical. This is in significant contrast to the modern math theories that are based on mathematics as a creation of man and thus arbitrary and relative.”

Science/Health: “The investigation of variety, order, and reasonableness revealed in creation. The Abeka science and health program presents the universe as the direct, orderly, law-abiding creation of God and refutes the man-made idea of evolution. Students are presented with plants, animals, rocks, elements, forces, the human body—and much more—according to an understanding of the design and laws of nature.”

Abeka Textbook Reviews

Initially facilitated by the NC League of Women Voters for their report, a review of Abeka textbooks were performed by experts in the field to determine academic rigor.²⁴ This section includes excerpts from the reviews of Biology and World History textbooks.

Textbook Review, Biology: A review of the Abeka Biology textbook was conducted by Dr. William D. Snider, MD. He pointed out that “future training and jobs in biological sciences and health professions will require the latest knowledge about cell biology and DNA.” “Recent advances in sequencing of the human genome, regulation of gene expression, and RNA interference are carefully presented in the Miller and Levine book (used by NCCOS), but not even mentioned in the Abeka book.”²⁵

The other five major issues that he noted were related to the teachings on evolution.²⁶

- “The first problem is not clearly stating the theory of evolution, thus setting up a ‘straw man’”.
- “A second problem is mixing in religious commentary that has no place in a biology text. Statements that ‘many varieties of canines have developed from a single pair of canines that left the ark’, ‘All the diversity we see in the human race today comes from an original couple’, and that ‘Man is created in the image of God’ are not arguments that can be used against evolutionary theory, nor do they teach students biology.”
- “A third problem is misinformation on multiple points.” “Stating the earth is ‘relatively young’ when scientists approximate the age of the earth as 4.5 billion years is misinformation that is

²⁴ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum*. NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

²⁵ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum* (p. 9). NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

²⁶ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum* (p. 10). NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

harmful to students. The statement that radiometric dating is an unreliable method is simply incorrect.”

- “A fourth problem is misrepresentation of the fossil record. Although a complicated issue, virtually all biologists and paleontologists agree that there is a progression from simple to complex organisms through the various eras of the earth’s history.”
- “A final issue is not pointing out the ways that evolutionary theory is central to modern biology.” “Students using the Abeka book are deprived of the opportunity to learn what biology students (and potential competitors for future jobs) all over the world are learning and thus placed at a major disadvantage.”

After his review, Dr. Snider concludes: “The Abeka text as a central component of a high school biology curriculum would be suspect if it were evaluated by a state board of education. It would fail because of confusing science and religion, for misstating the theory of evolution, and because it compares unfavorably with other texts in not fully presenting modern advances in cell biology and genetics. It is difficult to envision the justification for using state funds to support curricula that do not prepare students for the modern workplace.”²⁷

Textbook Review, World History, Asia Unit: A review of the Abeka World History textbook–Asia Unit was conducted by Dr. Lawrence Kessler, former chair of the Department of Asian Studies at UNC Chapel Hill.²⁸ Below are some examples of the errors that Dr. Kessler pointed out in the Abeka textbook.

- China was not populated as a result of the ‘Tower of Babel dispersion’;
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- Creation of Chinese characters had nothing to do with ‘Christian beliefs’;
- Chinese intellectual traditions of Confucianism and Taoism are philosophies, not ‘false religions’;
- The Tang dynasty of the 7th to 10th centuries, which was the greatest empire on earth at the time, is barely mentioned;
- The Boxers were not a ‘terrorist group’ but a reaction to Western imperialism and China’s inability to prevent it;
- Does not describe the moderation of Chinese social and economic policies since 1989, and per capita income is not ‘fixed’, but is growing;
- Amount of content devoted to Christianity in Japan overshadows more important developments in 19th c. Japan, such as modernization;
- The ‘pressing need of Japan is evangelization’ is pure nonsense;

²⁷ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum* (p. 10). NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

²⁸ NC LWV-Lower Cape Fear, Education Action Team, & Bechard, B. (2017). *NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum* (p. 11). NC League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/North%20Carolina/voucher-report-7.2-1.pdf>

- By calling the Geneva Accords ‘so-called’ denies their legitimacy;
- South Vietnam under Diem, whom the U. S. supported, was not ‘democratic’;
- Blames US defeat in Vietnam on ‘poor leadership, partisan media, and lack of patriotism’ rather than Vietnamese nationalism, corruption of the Diem regime, and superior Vietcong military strategy;
- The Summary section is a mix of narrow religious views, ideology, and opinion, rather than the results of evidence-based scholarly research and expertise.”

Other Noted Curriculum

Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.): This curriculum also uses the biblical worldview overlay. It is a self-guided bible-based curriculum based on independent mastery before advancement, offering: “the key to academic excellence in a strong Bible-based, character-building program.”²⁹ Students independently work their way through the content, and it “requires minimal supervisor instruction, encouraging student responsibility and goal setting.”³⁰ The program's approach to science and history aligns with [Young Earth Creationism](#),³¹ emphasizing a divine perspective on creation and the universe. It is used also by Christian, Biblical Worldview private schools.

Learn more about the curriculum here:

- **What is A.C.E.?:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7haJwOoOa2g>
- **More about the Program:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob9ZnM-Fgbs>

Montessori: Italian physician and educator Dr. Maria Montessori developed this curriculum approach, most known for its use of multi-age classrooms. This curriculum is primarily used by non-religious private schools, although some Christian schools have integrated Montessori principles. Contrary to the structure provided by the NCSCOS, Montessori schools are more child-driven and tend to offer less testing and assessments. The Montessori Early Childhood Curriculum comprises five areas of study: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Cultural Studies.³² Montessori schools aim to foster an environment that:

- Honors the human spirit and the development of the whole child-physical, social, emotional, and cognitive.
- Encompasses a view of the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge.
- Is based on ideals of equity, inclusion, and social justice.
- Also focuses on care of self, others, and the environment.³³

²⁹ *About A.C.E.*. (n.d.). ACE School of Tomorrow. <https://store.aceschooloftomorrow.com/about-us>

³⁰ *About A.C.E.*. (n.d.). ACE School of Tomorrow. <https://store.aceschooloftomorrow.com/about-us>

³¹ *Young Earth Creationism*. (2016, January 22). National Center for Science Education. <https://ncse.ngo/young-earth-creationism>

³² *Fast Facts: What Is Montessori?* (n.d.). The American Montessori Society. <https://amshq.org/about-montessori/press-kit/what-is-montessori/>

³³ *Montessori Early Childhood Programs*. (n.d.). The American Montessori Society.

Learn more about the curriculum here:

- **Montessori: The Elementary Years:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbKMR7fLqI0>
- **Montessori: Secondary Programs:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DGHlwJFNk0>

Adventist Education: Adventist Education programming is closely tied to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and adopts a biblical worldview approach to curriculum. Adventist schools do not directly adopt the NCSCOS as their primary curriculum. Instead, they develop their curriculum that reflects the Adventist worldview while also incorporating elements from some national and state standards. According to their website, Seventh Day Adventists are “a Bible-embracing, Christ-believing, and Second Coming-awaiting people. We believe that what we do here on earth matters. Sharing the good news of the gospel, caring for others, and making our earthly home the best it can be are some of the ways we demonstrate our love for the Lord.”³⁴ Their education is “a worldwide network of dedicated educators and Bible-based curriculum.”³⁴ The curriculum follows typical subjects, with the integration of biblical principles. For example, “Social Studies and history are each intrinsic parts of Adventist education, and serve to amplify and enrich the curriculum through presenting an awareness of God’s hand in the affairs of men and of man’s obligation to serve others.”³⁵

<https://amshq.org/about-us/inside-the-montessori-classroom/early-childhood/>

³⁴ *Who We Are | Adventist Education.* (n.d.). Adventist Education. <https://adventisteducation.org/who>

³⁵ *Social Studies Landing Page | Adventist Education.* (n.d.). Adventist Education. <https://adventisteducation.org/subsites/social-studies/social-studies-landing-page>

Appendix B: NC K-12 Private Schools by Voucher Funding and Curriculum Type for 2024-25 and 2014-2015 to 2024-2025.

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Alamance Christian	\$2,166,306	\$4,832,967	Alamance	Christian, Curriculum Other
Burlington Christian Academy	\$3,028,464	\$5,741,693	Alamance	Christian, Curriculum Other
Grace Christian Academy	\$1,532,198	\$3,046,431	Alamance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Providence A Christian Montessori Community	\$345,772	\$1,190,938	Alamance	Christian, Curriculum Other
Faith Christian Academy	\$703,880	\$1,157,707	Alamance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bradford Academy	\$1,074,482	\$1,074,482	Alamance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Positive Day School	\$156,009	\$1,027,638	Alamance	Christian, Curriculum Other
Excel Christian Academy	\$16,960	\$16,960	Alamance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School	\$1,444,976	\$4,461,312	Alamance	NCSCOS, Religious
The Burlington School	\$1,359,653	\$2,548,705	Alamance	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Burbrella Microschool	\$196,072	\$225,286	Alamance	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Millersville Christian Academy	\$1,459,447	\$3,582,716	Alexander	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Deep Creek Christian Academy	\$65,980	\$65,980	Anson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Apogee Anson Wadesboro	\$19,396	\$19,396	Anson	Christian, Curriculum Other
Bethel Christian Academy	\$672,450	\$2,759,522	Avery	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Terra Ceia Christian School	\$855,388	\$2,337,127	Beaufort	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Unity Christian Academy	\$861,618	\$2,291,588	Beaufort	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Pungo Christian Academy	\$1,116,462	\$1,719,183	Beaufort	Christian, Biblical Worldview

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Bethel Assembly Christian Academy	\$748,805	\$1,583,079	Bertie	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lawrence Academy	\$865,454	\$2,363,213	Bertie	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Elizabethtown Christian Academy	\$586,025	\$1,299,693	Bladen	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Homestead Christian School	\$51,065	\$51,065	Bladen	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Southeastern Christian Academy	\$1,943,006	\$5,218,713	Brunswick	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Academy of Coastal Carolina	\$533,943	\$1,444,778	Brunswick	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Holden Beach Christian Academy	\$102,090	\$281,815	Brunswick	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wild Forest Academy	\$36,369	\$36,369	Brunswick	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Temple Baptist School	\$1,070,298	\$4,688,053	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Asheville Christian Academy	\$2,570,873	\$4,207,430	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Asheville Pisgah Christian School	\$780,156	\$2,998,520	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy	\$1,032,718	\$2,993,563	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Canterbury Classical School	\$829,552	\$1,650,849	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Asheville Catholic School	\$843,459	\$1,389,249	Buncombe	Christian, Curriculum Other
Trinity of Fairview Academy	\$623,670	\$1,248,937	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Emmanuel Lutheran School	\$471,404	\$1,223,108	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mount Pisgah Academy	\$387,847	\$743,789	Buncombe	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cannongate Catholic High	\$69,330	\$109,536	Buncombe	Christian, Curriculum Other

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<u>School</u>				
<u>Asheville Waldorf School</u>	\$360,479	\$1,745,748	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Rainbow Community School</u>	\$568,957	\$1,216,540	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Odyssey Community School</u>	\$398,977	\$846,973	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Hanger Hall School for Girls</u>	\$176,236	\$506,272	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>New Classical Academy</u>	\$168,220	\$362,800	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Learning Community School</u>	\$249,196	\$352,546	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>French Broad River Academy</u>	\$317,283	\$321,483	Buncombe	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
<u>Black Mountain Montessori</u>	\$91,858	\$234,814	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Friends Montessori School</u>	\$180,725	\$216,431	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Montessori Learning Community - Asheville</u>	\$11,202	\$23,862	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Montessori Learning Community - West Asheville</u>	\$3,361	\$9,853	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Asheville Montessori School</u>	\$3,360	\$3,360	Buncombe	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Christ Classical Academy</u>	\$1,192,263	\$2,113,482	Burke	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Silver Creek SDA School</u>	\$257,274	\$787,019	Burke	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>The Learning Center</u>	\$104,190	\$239,140	Burke	Curriculum Not Found
<u>Reflections of Christ Christian Academy</u>	\$45,850	\$152,492	Burke	Curriculum Not Found
<u>Morganton Day School</u>	\$282,274	\$465,142	Burke	Nonreligious, Curriculum

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				Specified
Concord Academy	\$3,809,713	\$9,552,055	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
C3 Concord Christian School	\$344,738	\$1,482,710	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hope Academy	\$728,408	\$1,452,490	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Faith Christian Academy	\$351,011	\$885,702	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Village Christian Academy	\$209,480	\$784,184	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gospel Light Academy	\$333,452	\$333,452	Cabarrus	Curriculum Not Found
Kingdom Christian Academy	\$76,582	\$76,582	Cabarrus	Curriculum Not Found
Cannon School	\$651,928	\$936,248	Cabarrus	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Teaching Achieving Students Academy	\$66,082	\$150,094	Cabarrus	Religious Curriculum Not Found
CPath Academy	\$53,777	\$53,777	Cabarrus	Curriculum Not Found
Covenant Classical Academy	\$784,829	\$784,829	Cabarrus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Kingdom Kids Empowerment Academy	\$15,820	\$15,820	Cabarrus	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Heritage Christian School	\$790,536	\$1,706,394	Caldwell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Pine Mountain Academy	\$307,231	\$392,592	Caldwell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gramercy Christian School	\$1,622,016	\$4,535,902	Carteret	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Nature School at Camp Albemarle	\$372,039	\$600,177	Carteret	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Heritage Christian Academy	\$128,640	\$281,538	Carteret	Christian, Biblical Worldview
First Presbyterian School	\$16,184	\$16,184	Carteret	Christian, Curriculum Other
Chosen Generation Christian Academy	\$13,500	\$13,500	Carteret	Curriculum Not Found
St. Egbert Catholic School	\$269,883	\$887,189	Carteret	NCSCOS, Religious

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A Sea of Learning	\$478,888	\$746,159	Carteret	NCSCOS, Religious
Tabernacle Christian School	\$2,532,272	\$6,855,476	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Christian Family Academy	\$1,097,859	\$2,805,910	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hickory Christian Academy	\$1,757,289	\$2,219,915	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Concordia Christian Day School	\$795,926	\$2,051,861	Catawba	Christian, Curriculum Other
St. Stephen's Lutheran School	\$761,283	\$1,406,068	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
University Christian High School	\$403,294	\$610,912	Catawba	Christian, Curriculum Other
Tree of Life Christian Academy	\$371,533	\$371,533	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
WH Johnston SDA School	\$57,040	\$238,825	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cornerstone Christian Academy	\$92,047	\$174,823	Catawba	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hickory Day School	\$307,994	\$509,959	Catawba	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Montessori at Sandy Ford	\$192,572	\$442,463	Catawba	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Holy Youth Christian Academy	\$433,884	\$1,352,901	Chatham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Haw River Christian Academy	\$545,715	\$1,060,803	Chatham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Thales Academy of Pittsboro	\$1,114,620	\$1,356,700	Chatham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Jordan Lake School of the Arts	\$58,252	\$116,278	Chatham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Shepherd Academy	\$149,364	\$468,083	Cherokee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Murphy Adventist Christian Academy	\$92,720	\$210,876	Cherokee	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Oak Grove Christian Academy	\$246,820	\$336,151	Chowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carolina Christian Academy	\$189,440	\$731,321	Clay	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Christian Academy	\$558,366	\$2,294,858	Cleveland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gaston Christian School - Shelby Campus	\$620,394	\$903,212	Cleveland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Champion Christian Academy	\$277,363	\$650,163	Cleveland	Curriculum Not Found
Charity Christian School	\$137,330	\$623,328	Cleveland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Arise Christian Academy	\$96,714	\$96,714	Cleveland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Columbus Christian Academy	\$338,210	\$1,963,585	Columbus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carolina Adventist Academy	\$85,080	\$354,965	Columbus	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Bern Christian Academy	\$1,863,067	\$4,429,322	Craven	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Epiphany School of Global Studies	\$1,787,715	\$3,506,681	Craven	Christian, Curriculum Other
Temple Christian Academy	\$665,920	\$1,073,189	Craven	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Baptist Church School	\$324,495	\$1,013,888	Craven	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Peletah Academic Center for Excellence	\$198,277	\$851,833	Craven	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Strait Path Academy	\$57,506	\$257,775	Craven	Curriculum Not Found
St. Paul Catholic Education Center	\$898,562	\$2,978,297	Craven	NCSCOS, Religious
Annunciation Catholic School	\$480,289	\$2,528,545	Craven	NCSCOS, Religious
Bear Town Academy	\$279,680	\$599,104	Craven	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified

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First Impressions Academy	\$1,036,534	\$3,644,298	Cumberland	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville	\$2,749,382	\$15,039,561	Cumberland	Christian, Curriculum Other
Berean Baptist Academy	\$3,194,329	\$12,088,362	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Fayetteville Christian School	\$3,674,927	\$11,061,841	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Freedom Christian Academy	\$2,884,554	\$8,517,441	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Northwood Temple Academy	\$2,748,023	\$7,808,318	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Village Christian Academy	\$2,495,440	\$4,644,543	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cornerstone Christian Academy	\$1,004,608	\$4,283,976	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Riverside Christian Academy	\$1,515,084	\$4,268,658	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bal Perazim Christian Academy	\$654,162	\$3,171,430	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Life Christian Academy and Prep School	\$511,456	\$2,985,236	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cumberland County Christian School	\$744,943	\$2,622,832	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Renaissance Classical Christian Academy	\$506,381	\$1,997,978	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greater Fayetteville Adventist Academy	\$436,734	\$1,850,680	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Flaming Sword Christian Academy	\$331,212	\$1,675,786	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Patrick Catholic School	\$1,021,818	\$2,995,013	Cumberland	NCSCOS, Religious
Destiny Now Academy	\$269,784	\$1,478,143	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Falcon Christian Academy	\$164,555	\$811,272	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Kids Stars Rising Christian Learning Academy	\$360,448	\$805,767	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Genesis Christian School	\$111,665	\$229,823	Cumberland	Christian, Curriculum Other
Grace Community School	\$126,685	\$126,685	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Northview Baptist Academy	\$75,923	\$75,923	Cumberland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Fayetteville Academy	\$1,219,848	\$2,445,527	Cumberland	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
St. Ann Catholic School	\$412,675	\$2,125,284	Cumberland	NCSCOS, Religious
The School of Hope	\$344,466	\$955,931	Cumberland	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Birds Nest Montessori School	\$36,270	\$52,226	Cumberland	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Jarvisburg Christian Academy	\$282,002	\$1,368,260	Currituck	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Independent Compass	\$89,753	\$167,272	Currituck	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bridgeway Preparatory Christian School	\$21,842	\$38,072	Currituck	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Beacon Christian Academy	\$72,346	\$324,966	Dare	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wanchese Christian Academy	\$143,240	\$265,893	Dare	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Heron Pond Montessori School	\$84,390	\$171,570	Dare	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Union Grove Christian School	\$2,638,792	\$4,903,639	Davidson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Sheets Memorial Christian School	\$1,487,533	\$2,773,136	Davidson	Christian, Curriculum Other
Carolina Christian Academy	\$843,510	\$2,034,258	Davidson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bethany Christian School	\$553,384	\$1,954,746	Davidson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Hope Christian	\$212,096	\$1,002,693	Davidson	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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<u>Academy</u>				
<u>ABC of NC Child Development Center</u>	\$197,732	\$419,629	Davidson	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>SOAR Academy</u>	\$21,965	\$21,965	Davie	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Wallace Christian Academy</u>	\$374,825	\$666,531	Duplin	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>New Hope Christian Academy</u>	\$110,375	\$391,458	Duplin	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Al-Huda Academy at Durham</u>	\$934,625	\$3,504,912	Durham	NCSCOS, Religious
<u>Liberty Christian School</u>	\$1,816,242	\$5,380,324	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Mt. Zion Christian Academy</u>	\$739,719	\$4,571,713	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School</u>	\$1,104,335	\$3,070,589	Durham	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Fellowship Baptist Academy</u>	\$889,370	\$2,884,422	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Bethesda Christian Academy</u>	\$842,064	\$2,336,971	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Trinity School</u>	\$1,661,259	\$2,334,482	Durham	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Gorman Christian Academy</u>	\$559,736	\$1,507,492	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Immaculata Catholic School</u>	\$1,242,770	\$2,400,636	Durham	NCSCOS, Religious
<u>Southpoint Academy</u>	\$328,593	\$1,166,511	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Faith Assembly Christian Academy</u>	\$47,563	\$1,139,309	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Cresset Christian Academy</u>	\$547,213	\$1,083,577	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Quality Education Institute</u>	\$145,250	\$545,750	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Five Oaks SDA School	\$113,591	\$465,566	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lerner School	\$72,822	\$72,822	Durham	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
The Guardian Christian Academy	\$21,285	\$21,285	Durham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St.Sya Academy II	\$276,129	\$1,004,394	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Triangle Day School	\$301,686	\$559,118	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Hill Learning Center	\$300,199	\$460,999	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Durham Nativity School	\$176,802	\$442,852	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Hope Creek Academy	\$101,748	\$249,258	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Montessori School of Raleigh	\$3,360	\$3,360	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
International Montessori School	\$144,600	\$217,296	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Camelot Academy	\$161,424	\$212,250	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Insight Co-Learning Center	\$111,830	\$207,998	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
NC Good Better Best Academy	\$37,107	\$171,417	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Empowered Minds Academy	\$90,734	\$152,240	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Gift of Knowledge Academy	\$30,596	\$104,156	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Montessori Farm School	\$8,960	\$8,960	Durham	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Salem Baptist Christian School	\$2,290,076	\$7,392,745	Forsyth	Christian, Curriculum Other

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Gospel Light Christian School	\$2,664,378	\$6,173,612	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Winston Salem Christian School	\$1,732,769	\$5,989,108	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Day School	\$3,183,888	\$5,168,782	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Woodland Baptist Christian School	\$1,186,320	\$3,513,152	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Triad Baptist Christian Academy	\$1,395,635	\$3,164,533	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School	\$1,522,458	\$2,232,283	Forsyth	Christian, Curriculum Other
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School	\$705,643	\$2,049,549	Forsyth	Christian, Curriculum Other
Redeemer School	\$988,408	\$1,666,424	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Leo Catholic School	\$743,446	\$1,259,790	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. John's Lutheran Day School	\$343,094	\$1,249,605	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cathedral Oak Academy	\$649,505	\$963,811	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Ephesus Junior Academy	\$121,212	\$594,860	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Rise Academy Street School	\$290,501	\$494,033	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Berean Christian School	\$115,025	\$416,247	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Clubhouse Academy	\$96,120	\$96,120	Forsyth	Christian, Curriculum Other
Impact Preparatory Christian Academy	\$61,990	\$92,380	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Challenge Christian Academy	\$29,126	\$29,126	Forsyth	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Forsyth County Day School	\$796,869	\$796,869	Forsyth	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Salem Academy	\$171,332	\$446,030	Forsyth	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified

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Hampton Education Academy	\$137,426	\$255,800	Forsyth	Curriculum Not Found
Salem Montessori School	\$213,521	\$213,521	Forsyth	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Sherman Academy	\$121,666	\$121,666	Forsyth	NCSCOS, Religious
Westlawn School	\$29,682	\$72,816	Forsyth	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Montessori School of Winston-Salem	\$25,991	\$25,991	Forsyth	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Commission Leadership Academy	\$1,032,174	\$2,091,132	Franklin	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gaston Christian School	\$3,574,826	\$6,290,863	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cramerton Christian Academy	\$2,309,849	\$5,334,136	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Community Christian Academy	\$1,463,211	\$4,685,411	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
First Wesleyan Christian School	\$716,777	\$3,769,105	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Victory Christian Academy	\$639,167	\$3,712,135	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Michael's Catholic School	\$713,613	\$1,846,515	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Judah Christian Academy	\$337,191	\$1,416,533	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
UR Academy	\$1,054,058	\$1,362,257	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. John the Baptist Academy	\$286,920	\$286,920	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bridge of Hope Christian School	\$94,260	\$135,807	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Drexel High School	\$105,672	\$112,164	Gaston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gaston Day School	\$639,229	\$912,198	Gaston	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Christian Faith Center Academy	\$175,384	\$1,161,952	Granville	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Naturally Nourished Tutoring Service LLC	\$59,840	\$59,840	Granville	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Mount Calvary Christian Academy	\$431,088	\$1,177,645	Greene	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greensboro Islamic Academy	\$1,737,066	\$7,617,510	Guilford	NCSCOS, Religious
Westchester Country Day School	\$1,404,694	\$2,449,141	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
St. Pius X Catholic School	\$1,069,423	\$1,987,127	Guilford	NCSCOS, Religious
High Point Christian Academy	\$3,088,189	\$7,260,805	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wesleyan Christian Academy	\$3,269,916	\$7,070,531	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Tri-City Christian Academy	\$1,090,276	\$4,982,936	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Vandalia Christian School	\$1,397,144	\$4,118,006	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Shining Light Academy	\$1,157,359	\$3,675,842	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greater Vision Academy	\$1,356,014	\$3,472,433	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School	\$1,167,533	\$2,781,985	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School	\$1,107,981	\$2,778,644	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hope Academy	\$588,860	\$2,392,637	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Covenant School	\$1,284,622	\$2,223,517	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Brittain Academy	\$263,952	\$1,874,393	Guilford	Christian, Curriculum Other
Caldwell Academy	\$1,585,339	\$1,780,639	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hayworth Christian School	\$647,107	\$1,469,695	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Garden Friends School	\$612,161	\$1,284,778	Guilford	Christian, Curriculum Other
Canturbury School	\$696,090	\$1,253,106	Guilford	Christian, Curriculum Other
B'nai Shalom Day School	\$324,961	\$600,472	Guilford	Other Religious, Curriculum

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				Other
High Point Friends School	\$171,761	\$581,576	Guilford	Curriculum Not Found
Harvest Academy	\$339,980	\$339,980	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Buffalo Academy	\$110,528	\$248,972	Guilford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Beacon Academy	\$85,374	\$127,566	Guilford	Christian, Curriculum Other
Ibn Sina Islamic Academy	\$107,702	\$107,702	Guilford	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
Lionheart Academy of the Triad	\$286,582	\$955,696	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Piedmont School	\$319,628	\$876,273	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Noble Academy	\$428,463	\$871,287	Guilford	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
Greensboro Montessori Academy	\$491,213	\$773,088	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Impact Journey School	\$151,408	\$446,068	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Oak Ridge Military Academy	\$188,379	\$434,907	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Melanin Village Prep	\$310,365	\$310,365	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Clara Science Academy	\$190,060	\$200,447	Guilford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Halifax Academy	\$1,394,928	\$2,950,799	Halifax	Christian, Curriculum Other
Victory Christian Academy	\$765,408	\$1,020,783	Halifax	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Littleton Academy	\$414,851	\$869,800	Halifax	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Cape Fear Christian Academy	\$1,460,128	\$4,289,162	Harnett	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Brookside Christian Academy	\$1,163,535	\$2,583,244	Harnett	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Faith Education Academy	\$314,395	\$1,316,430	Harnett	Curriculum Not Found

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Miracle Tabernacle Academy	\$423,080	\$1,273,920	Harnett	NCSCOS, Religious
Haywood Christian Academy	\$613,229	\$1,793,933	Haywood	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bethel Christian Academy	\$506,218	\$1,186,656	Haywood	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Blue Ridge Adventist Christian School	\$21,702	\$114,159	Haywood	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Academy at SOAR	\$18,484	\$31,468	Haywood	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Immaculata Catholic School	\$606,454	\$2,564,143	Henderson	Christian, Curriculum Other
Veritas Christian Academy	\$1,272,338	\$2,134,323	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Captain Gilmer Christian School	\$695,311	\$1,244,172	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Imago Dei Classical Academy	\$435,744	\$1,189,668	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Fletcher Academy	\$665,026	\$810,684	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mills River SDA School	\$279,673	\$687,390	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Way Christian Academy	\$159,300	\$412,426	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Faith-Covenant Christian Academy	\$61,558	\$325,359	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mt. Carmel Baptist Academy	\$46,796	\$112,006	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Upward Adventist School	\$41,078	\$41,078	Henderson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wild Oak Independent School	\$98,574	\$213,162	Henderson	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Heritage Hall International School	\$89,040	\$122,004	Henderson	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
Ridgcroft School	\$970,414	\$2,283,493	Hertford	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Ahoskie Christian School	\$364,190	\$967,604	Hertford	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Dominion Christian Academy	\$385,360	\$1,086,788	Hoke	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Rockfish Christian Academy	\$93,818	\$752,238	Hoke	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carr Preparatory Academy	\$209,108	\$576,026	Hoke	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Cornerstone Christian Academy	\$1,396,853	\$5,412,550	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Statesville Christian School	\$1,652,108	\$3,058,995	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy	\$1,948,269	\$2,950,277	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Southview Christian School	\$549,737	\$1,872,335	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Chapel Academy	\$242,047	\$680,779	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Redeemer Preparatory Academy	\$204,585	\$569,867	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Headwaters Christian Academy	\$527,323	\$527,323	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hope Christian Academy	\$106,019	\$353,177	Iredell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Eagles Refuge Academy	\$36,594	\$84,954	Iredell	Curriculum Not Found
Statesville Montessori School	\$277,059	\$384,843	Iredell	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Woodlawn School	\$131,405	\$194,767	Iredell	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Heritage Christian Academy	\$549,735	\$1,633,380	Jackson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Victory Christian School	\$486,481	\$867,864	Jackson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Thales Academy at Flower Plantation	\$2,294,896	\$2,623,471	Johnston	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
LifeSpring Academy	\$1,311,759	\$3,632,943	Johnston	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Southside Christian	\$1,693,648	\$3,321,615	Johnston	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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School				
Star Christian Academy	\$386,308	\$2,459,002	Johnston	Christian, Curriculum Other
Academy of Hope	\$11,202	\$11,832	Johnston	Curriculum Not Found
Playmates Child Care and Development Center Pine Level	\$169,529	\$259,895	Johnston	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Grace Christian School	\$5,130,642	\$13,179,652	Lee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lee Christian School	\$1,836,982	\$4,773,519	Lee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Education Center	\$272,020	\$857,052	Lee	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carolina Christian Academy	\$63,214	\$279,424	Lee	Curriculum Not Found
Bethel Christian Academy	\$1,960,270	\$4,593,523	Lenoir	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hope Preparatory School	\$959,673	\$2,435,041	Lenoir	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Brighter Days Academy Inc.	\$183,898	\$768,670	Lenoir	Curriculum Not Found
Ambleside Preparatory Academy	\$625,451	\$625,451	Lenoir	Christian, Curriculum Other
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made	\$45,500	\$45,500	Lenoir	Christian, Curriculum Other
Long Shoals Wesleyan Academy	\$792,526	\$1,925,440	Lincoln	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Denver Christian Academy	\$777,402	\$1,513,597	Lincoln	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Starboard Christian Academy	\$455,393	\$713,783	Lincoln	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lincoln Christian Academy	\$359,432	\$505,902	Lincoln	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Pursuit Prep	\$277,695	\$434,181	Lincoln	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Combine Academy	\$54,512	\$161,252	Lincoln	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Trimont Christian Academy	\$485,592	\$1,986,040	Macon	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Woodson Branch Nature School	\$704,610	\$2,431,693	Madison	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Little Ivy Baptist Academy	\$204,505	\$876,655	Madison	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Nebo Crossing Academy	\$1,788,827	\$5,204,698	McDowell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Manna Christian Academy School	\$774,606	\$2,231,420	McDowell	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Harvest Time Baptist Academy	\$49,617	\$72,837	McDowell	Curriculum Not Found
Mountain Laurel Montessori Collective	\$282,292	\$418,372	McDowell	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
St. Mark Catholic School	\$2,097,091	\$2,829,627	Mecklenburg	NCSCOS, Religious
St. Matthew Catholic School	\$1,273,252	\$1,551,968	Mecklenburg	NCSCOS, Religious
Charlotte Leadership Academy	\$168,032	\$1,255,023	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Friendship Day School Sciences & Arts	\$437,061	\$1,111,793	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
ALC Mosaic School	\$448,634	\$1,095,386	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Hickory Grove Christian School	\$2,914,455	\$6,922,038	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Intellicor International Academy	\$2,201,635	\$6,723,656	Mecklenburg	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
Victory Christian Center School	\$1,045,933	\$4,654,952	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Covenant Day School	\$3,319,309	\$4,248,285	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Brookstone Schools	\$1,153,832	\$4,061,154	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Charlotte Islamic Academy	\$1,139,070	\$3,892,392	Mecklenburg	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
Carmel Christian School	\$2,902,295	\$3,564,240	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Matthews Christian Academy	\$1,090,575	\$2,667,573	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Charlotte Christian School	\$2,419,611	\$2,568,357	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Charlotte Catholic High School	\$1,847,450	\$2,343,082	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School	\$1,552,109	\$1,887,956	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School	\$850,438	\$1,821,525	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lake Norman Christian School	\$883,448	\$1,647,949	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Southlake Christian Academy	\$995,397	\$1,473,521	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Christ the King Catholic High School	\$1,194,285	\$1,447,710	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Adventist Christian Academy	\$424,500	\$1,332,081	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Nest Academy	\$238,791	\$957,519	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
St. Gabriel Catholic School	\$1,115,513	\$1,257,922	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Covenant Academy	\$1,026,382	\$1,211,792	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Ann Catholic School	\$708,575	\$923,726	Mecklenburg	NCSCOS, Religious
Trinity Episcopal School	\$904,756	\$1,137,666	Mecklenburg	Christian, Curriculum Other
Berean Junior Academy	\$227,345	\$1,100,002	Mecklenburg	Curriculum Not Found
Christ Classical Academy of Charlotte	\$571,126	\$957,400	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
United Faith Christian Academy	\$113,438	\$916,091	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Charlotte Jewish Day School	\$451,408	\$879,931	Mecklenburg	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
St. Patrick Catholic School	\$520,000	\$765,301	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Christian School	\$632,038	\$759,842	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
South Charlotte Baptist	\$167,411	\$715,730	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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<u>Academy</u>				
<u>Ambassador Christian School</u>	\$344,524	\$344,524	Mecklenburg	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>R.C. Smith Christian Academy</u>	\$40,326	\$314,178	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Charlotte Leadership Academy - Shooting Stars</u>	\$77,762	\$262,767	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Greyfriars Classical Academy</u>	\$243,377	\$262,557	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Rod of God Christian Academy</u>	\$50,038	\$256,006	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Cornerstone Adventist Academy</u>	\$40,442	\$177,495	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Creation Acre Academy</u>	\$156,730	\$156,730	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Trinity Christian Preparatory School</u>	\$36,776	\$65,120	Mecklenburg	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Good Shepherd Christian School</u>	\$41,416	\$47,908	Mecklenburg	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Phoenix Montessori Academy</u>	\$330,600	\$473,676	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>The John Crosland School</u>	\$221,984	\$449,611	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Fletcher School</u>	\$298,131	\$338,667	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Philips Academy of North Carolina</u>	\$173,254	\$315,766	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Crossway Academy</u>	\$74,310	\$291,810	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>The Halton School</u>	\$133,605	\$262,443	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Arlington Christian Academy</u>	\$188,111	\$237,086	Mecklenburg	NCSCOS, Religious

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Ignite Achievement Academy	\$148,051	\$236,995	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Omni Montessori School	\$176,420	\$189,404	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Ilim School	\$84,570	\$186,822	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Kent Academy	\$83,569	\$140,581	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Footprints Learning and Leadership Academy	\$107,416	\$119,208	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Enlighten Legacy Learning	\$40,550	\$98,674	Mecklenburg	Curriculum Not Found
Cyzner Institute	\$37,340	\$90,344	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Epiphany School of Charlotte	\$19,040	\$75,344	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
British International School of Charlotte	\$59,362	\$65,854	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Davidson Green School	\$52,646	\$59,138	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Anami Montessori School	\$22,030	\$22,030	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Emerald School of Excellence	\$12,321	\$12,321	Mecklenburg	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
Lab U Prep	\$7,468	\$7,468	Mecklenburg	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Tri-County Christian School	\$224,224	\$759,614	Mitchell	Curriculum Not Found
Spruce Pine Montessori School	\$124,410	\$404,172	Mitchell	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Family Worship Ministries Christian Academy	\$207,442	\$730,765	Montgomery	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Infinite Minds Academy	\$83,235	\$119,333	Montgomery	Curriculum Not Found

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Long Hill Christian School	\$78,355	\$102,068	Montgomery	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. John Paul II Catholic School	\$1,032,059	\$1,829,200	Moore	NCSCOS, Religious
The O'Neal School	\$876,668	\$1,490,757	Moore	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Fellowship Christian Academy	\$803,408	\$1,583,622	Moore	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Episcopal Day School	\$404,913	\$634,521	Moore	Christian, Curriculum Other
Covenant Preparatory School	\$351,050	\$480,863	Moore	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Father Vincent Capodarrio High School	\$216,198	\$381,000	Moore	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Faith Christian School	\$1,666,580	\$2,894,616	Nash	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Our Lady Perpetual Help Catholic School	\$620,692	\$2,173,877	Nash	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Life Christian Academy	\$666,480	\$1,720,675	Nash	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Southside Academy	\$269,968	\$495,240	Nash	Christian, Biblical Worldview
King's Academy	\$165,199	\$376,369	Nash	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Mark Catholic School*	\$1,534,104	\$2,606,399	New Hanover	NCSCOS, Religious
St. Mary Catholic School	\$570,712	\$2,063,199	New Hanover	NCSCOS, Religious
Cape Fear Academy	\$709,158	\$1,204,530	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Wilmington Christian Academy	\$2,448,575	\$4,353,025	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Calvary Christian School	\$539,506	\$1,879,893	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Coastal Christian High School	\$632,067	\$1,163,614	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Myrtle Grove Christian School	\$1,136,920	\$1,136,920	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Providence Preparatory	\$587,320	\$1,025,177	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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<u>Academy</u>				
<u>Carolina Christian Academy</u>	\$169,207	\$222,636	New Hanover	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Northside School of Christian Leadership</u>	\$137,673	\$137,673	New Hanover	Christian, Biblical Worldview
<u>Friends School of Wilmington</u>	\$271,206	\$587,054	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Waterview Learning Academy, LLC</u>	\$141,520	\$455,973	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Southeastern Autism Academy</u>	\$172,882	\$451,742	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Peace Rose Montessori</u>	\$241,647	\$420,219	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>The School of Wonder</u>	\$289,292	\$332,944	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>New Horizons Elementary School</u>	\$267,708	\$274,200	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences</u>	\$193,774	\$197,974	New Hanover	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
<u>Hill School of Wilmington</u>	\$113,760	\$168,702	New Hanover	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>Northeast Academy</u>	\$927,520	\$2,730,224	Northampton	Christian, Curriculum Other
<u>Infant of Prague Catholic School</u>	\$1,566,941	\$4,308,793	Onslow	NCSCOS, Religious
<u>Milestones Academy</u>	\$1,154,684	\$2,551,461	Onslow	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
<u>One World Montessori LLC</u>	\$692,123	\$1,674,970	Onslow	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>North Shore Academy LLC</u>	\$333,100	\$1,443,532	Onslow	Curriculum Not Found
<u>Montessori Children's School</u>	\$344,280	\$931,004	Onslow	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
<u>Liberty Christian Academy</u>	\$3,353,385	\$10,926,98	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Living Water Christian School	\$1,666,723	\$7,037,510	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Jacksonville Christian Academy	\$1,332,080	\$4,885,037	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Classical School	\$519,199	\$1,546,559	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Fellowship Christian Academy	\$340,060	\$1,215,612	Onslow	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Anne's Parish Day School	\$72,250	\$207,376	Onslow	Christian, Curriculum Other
Georgetown Village Minded Academy	\$56,760	\$111,558	Onslow	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Emerson Waldorf School	\$457,276	\$1,283,521	Orange	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Hillsborough Christian Academy	\$459,321	\$1,037,158	Orange	Christian, Biblical Worldview
AHOP Christian Leadership Academy	\$30,944	\$169,388	Orange	Curriculum Not Found
Pinewoods Montessori School	\$91,122	\$191,400	Orange	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Montessori Day School of Chapel Hill	\$25,392	\$59,112	Orange	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
St. Thomas More Catholic School	\$1,090,284	\$2,172,287	Orange	NCSCOS, Religious
Pamlico Christian Academy	\$1,611,377	\$3,958,003	Pamlico	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Fellowship Academy	\$18,858	\$18,858	Pamlico	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Albemarle School	\$926,730	\$2,600,549	Pasquotank	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Grace Montessori Academy Inc.	\$239,732	\$882,694	Pasquotank	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified

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New Life Academy	\$776,400	\$2,074,364	Pasquotank	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Victory Christian School	\$438,312	\$1,807,378	Pasquotank	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Covenant Classical Academy Inc.	\$316,480	\$481,035	Pasquotank	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Tutor All School	\$50,090	\$240,529	Pasquotank	Curriculum Not Found
Topsail Montessori	\$190,051	\$318,013	Pender	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Roxboro Christian Academy	\$280,957	\$729,637	Person	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Legacy Christian Academy	\$193,758	\$706,167	Person	Christian, Biblical Worldview
St. Peter's Catholic School	\$1,587,403	\$2,776,559	Pitt	NCSCOS, Religious
Oakwood School	\$881,914	\$1,439,524	Pitt	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Greenville Christian Academy	\$1,289,468	\$3,086,395	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Christ Covenant School	\$1,701,508	\$2,581,323	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
John Paul II Catholic High School	\$1,206,045	\$2,442,657	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Open Door School	\$966,238	\$1,164,657	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Trinity Christian School	\$1,138,502	\$1,138,502	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Third Street Academy	\$422,691	\$1,130,396	Pitt	Christian, Curriculum Other
Embassy Innovation Academy	\$240,845	\$770,449	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Brookhaven SDA School	\$35,430	\$165,125	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greater Destiny Prep Academy	\$52,276	\$115,900	Pitt	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greenville Montessori School	\$174,741	\$312,917	Pitt	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Walton Academy	\$182,582	\$301,388	Pitt	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified

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Greenville Learning Center	\$92,045	\$149,249	Pitt	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Foothills Academy	\$274,730	\$394,500	Polk	Curriculum Not Found
Faith Christian School	\$1,618,482	\$4,136,070	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bailey's Grove Baptist School	\$920,466	\$3,435,278	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Fayetteville Street Christian School	\$444,074	\$1,939,400	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Asheboro Hybrid Academy	\$908,882	\$1,830,636	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mt. Calvary Christian School	\$371,765	\$1,209,422	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Point Christian Academy	\$209,045	\$362,445	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Level Cross Christian School	\$94,025	\$298,493	Randolph	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Second Baptist Christian Academy	\$485,450	\$1,974,625	Richmond	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Temple Christian School	\$798,517	\$1,449,998	Richmond	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Outreach Christian Academy	\$97,320	\$449,155	Richmond	Curriculum Not Found
Roberdel Baptist School	\$284,702	\$393,159	Richmond	Curriculum Not Found
Mt. Olive Christian School	\$90,320	\$123,490	Richmond	Christian, Curriculum Other
The Academy	\$111,450	\$181,199	Richmond	Curriculum Not Found
Highlander Academy	\$456,315	\$2,387,568	Robeson	NCSCOS, Religious
Antioch Christian Academy	\$1,185,905	\$3,576,499	Robeson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Riverside Christian Academy	\$281,065	\$1,146,975	Robeson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Pathways Christian Academy	\$105,570	\$148,850	Robeson	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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RDC Academy	\$11,000	\$11,000	Robeson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Chosen One's	\$6,722	\$9,968	Robeson	Curriculum Not Found
Community Baptist School	\$1,213,019	\$3,641,797	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carolina Baptist Academy	\$429,594	\$1,883,766	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Oak Level Baptist Academy	\$559,666	\$1,853,391	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Freedom Academy	\$737,095	\$1,155,757	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Shiloh Community School, LLC	\$281,926	\$500,165	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
True Gospel Christian School	\$303,519	\$392,724	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Increase Learning Center	\$51,530	\$243,558	Rockingham	Curriculum Not Found
Zion Academy	\$157,951	\$157,951	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Tribe of Judah of NC	\$80,964	\$111,223	Rockingham	Curriculum Not Found
Floyd Christian School	\$85,055	\$85,055	Rockingham	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Agape Christian Academy	\$12,000	\$12,000	Rockingham	Curriculum Not Found
Sacred Heart Catholic School	\$941,690	\$2,683,642	Rowan	NCSCOS, Religious
Essie Academy	\$224,412	\$781,032	Rowan	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
North Hills Christian School	\$2,902,834	\$7,022,501	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Rockwell Christian School	\$1,451,292	\$4,876,219	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Salisbury Adventist School	\$145,196	\$300,236	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Legacy School	\$139,130	\$240,721	Rowan	Christian, Curriculum Other
Salisbury Christian School	\$22,360	\$184,301	Rowan	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Nehemiah Enrichment Academy	\$66,466	\$185,206	Rowan	NCSCOS, Religious
Yadkin Path Montessori	\$61,238	\$183,842	Rowan	Nonreligious, Curriculum

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Salisbury Academy	\$845,162	\$1,389,968	Rowan	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Trinity Christian School	\$1,340,917	\$4,342,445	Rutherford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Master's Academy	\$452,850	\$2,572,353	Rutherford	Christian, Curriculum Other
Word of Faith Christian School	\$329,085	\$644,866	Rutherford	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Harrells Christian Academy	\$2,000,598	\$3,536,862	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mintz Christian Academy	\$1,433,087	\$3,319,715	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Spirit Of Life Christian Academy	\$845,088	\$3,080,162	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
The Point Christian Academy	\$308,030	\$1,410,920	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Life Christian Academy	\$398,715	\$1,245,371	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
New Life Uplifted School	\$81,026	\$141,404	Sampson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Scotland Christian Academy	\$1,237,695	\$3,496,132	Scotland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Christ the Cornerstone Academy	\$1,183,130	\$3,094,599	Scotland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Cross Pointe Christian Academy	\$125,681	\$125,681	Scotland	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Carolina Christian School	\$989,638	\$2,227,097	Stanly	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Tillery Christian Academy	\$447,994	\$1,215,150	Stanly	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Heritage Classical Academy	\$462,350	\$975,998	Stanly	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Scholars Academy of Albemarle	\$169,154	\$208,106	Stanly	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Christ the King Christian Academy	\$300,920	\$980,039	Stanly	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Calvary Christian School	\$1,594,044	\$3,737,918	Stokes	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Living Word Christian Academy	\$144,740	\$191,987	Stokes	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Yadkin Valley Community School	\$268,678	\$704,613	Surry	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
White Plains Christian School	\$366,150	\$1,369,253	Surry	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Salem Christian Academy	\$694,856	\$1,338,233	Surry	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Christian Academy	\$34,905	\$184,719	Swain	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Mountain Sun Community School	\$301,332	\$865,975	Transylvania	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Bethany Christian School	\$351,783	\$1,194,866	Transylvania	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Anchor Baptist Academy	\$31,446	\$98,492	Transylvania	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Thales Academy of Waxhaw	\$846,214	\$1,101,525	Union	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
The Learning Habit	\$370,696	\$370,696	Union	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Shining Light Baptist Academy	\$2,406,158	\$8,102,943	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Metrolina Christian Academy	\$4,731,790	\$7,132,521	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Tabernacle Christian School	\$926,434	\$5,823,064	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Arborbrook Christian Academy	\$1,117,338	\$1,628,915	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Grace Academy	\$764,672	\$1,436,032	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Abundant Life Christian Academy	\$292,336	\$1,355,677	Union	Curriculum Not Found
Lee Park Preparatory School	\$828,152	\$1,111,038	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Northpoint Christian Academy	\$579,496	\$761,272	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
First Assembly Christian School	\$245,850	\$711,451	Union	Curriculum Not Found
Marvin Academy	\$252,158	\$668,002	Union	Christian, Curriculum Other
Union Christian Academy	\$140,076	\$477,956	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Covenant Christian Academy	\$230,540	\$337,490	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Creative Christian Academy	\$146,745	\$271,268	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Weddington Christian Academy	\$220,364	\$230,102	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Pleasant Plains Christian School	\$111,744	\$158,773	Union	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Bright Spot Baptist Academy	\$57,448	\$57,448	Union	Curriculum Not Found
Kerr Vance Academy	\$609,640	\$1,716,808	Vance	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Crossroads Christian School	\$1,782,143	\$3,660,659	Vance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Victory Baptist Church School	\$328,014	\$929,902	Vance	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Visions Education Academy	\$69,820	\$86,965	Vance	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Al-Iman School	\$1,570,730	\$6,194,977	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Saint Raphael's Catholic School	\$1,812,236	\$4,590,356	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Thales Academy of Knightdale	\$1,962,098	\$4,356,657	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Thales Academy of Wake Forest	\$2,245,800	\$3,573,707	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Thales Academy of Raleigh	\$1,710,980	\$3,469,628	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
St. Catherine of Siena	\$1,210,166	\$3,189,226	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Catholic School				
Cardinal Gibbons High School	\$2,071,774	\$2,923,507	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Thales Academy of Rolesville	\$1,889,792	\$2,663,399	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Thales Academy of Holly Springs	\$1,956,592	\$2,422,697	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Franciscan Catholic School	\$1,634,714	\$2,166,933	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Thales Academy of Cary	\$1,701,625	\$2,150,076	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Thales Academy of Apex (K-5)	\$1,527,440	\$2,008,890	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Thales Academy of Apex (JH/HS)	\$1,478,547	\$1,839,954	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School	\$1,274,540	\$1,809,300	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Our Lady of Lodes Catholic School	\$1,270,200	\$1,695,286	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
St. Thomas More Academy	\$1,046,612	\$1,635,014	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Cathedral School	\$724,482	\$1,566,212	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
An Noor Quran Academy	\$368,504	\$1,541,177	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School	\$1,149,348	\$1,526,979	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Coast to Mountains Preparatory Academy	\$777,146	\$1,124,620	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Fletcher Academy	\$345,267	\$802,533	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
New School Montessori Center	\$219,070	\$574,464	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Dynamic Opportunities	\$114,633	\$252,698	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Montessori School of Raleigh	\$229,044	\$235,536	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
True Light Shines Academy	\$44,355	\$199,870	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Chesterbrook Academy	\$49,475	\$183,683	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Woodmeadows Montessori	\$68,707	\$183,403	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Learn with the Best School	\$63,851	\$165,242	Wake	NCSCOS, Nonreligious
Raleigh Day School	\$79,910	\$150,935	Wake	nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Trilogy School	\$73,370	\$133,574	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Chesterbrook Academy of Cary	\$103,418	\$125,786	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
North Raleigh Christian Academy	\$4,319,985	\$6,737,952	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Raleigh Christian Academy	\$1,448,886	\$5,091,372	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wake Christian Academy	\$3,405,972	\$5,935,526	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Word of God Christian Academy	\$249,395	\$3,106,529	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
GRACE Christian School	\$2,582,969	\$3,080,331	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Hilltop Christian School	\$1,075,252	\$3,002,672	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Friendship Christian School	\$1,076,951	\$2,786,541	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Trinity Academy of Raleigh	\$1,879,446	\$2,536,106	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Neuse Christian Academy	\$1,204,887	\$2,353,533	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Heritage Leadership Academy Lower Apex	\$716,185	\$1,979,298	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview

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Lecole-French School	\$100,054	\$106,174	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Al-Huda Academy at North Raleigh	\$102,302	\$102,302	Wake	NCSCOS, Religious
Oak City Academy	\$848,133	\$1,760,735	Wake	Christian, Curriculum Other
St. David's School	\$1,148,842	\$1,148,842	Wake	Christian, Curriculum Other
Resurrection Lutheran School	\$516,714	\$816,872	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Adventist Christian Academy of Raleigh	\$769,246	\$769,246	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Accelerator School	\$94,648	\$94,648	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Follow the Child Montessori	\$94,124	\$94,124	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Heritage Leadership Academy Upper Apex	\$730,984	\$730,984	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Gethsemane Christian SDA Jr. Academy	\$118,211	\$643,664	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Christian Life Academy	\$193,044	\$551,952	Wake	Christian, Curriculum Other
The Ethos School	\$55,634	\$80,954	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Iron Academy	\$370,216	\$549,454	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Heritage Leadership Academy North Raleigh	\$530,428	\$530,428	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Sure Promise Christian Academy	\$154,961	\$374,077	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Madinah Quran Academy	\$253,678	\$315,578	Wake	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
Mishkah Montessori Academy	\$176,620	\$289,764	Wake	Other Religious, Curriculum Other
Chabad Torah Academy	\$118,742	\$283,970	Wake	Other Religious, Curriculum Other

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Heritage Leadership Academy	\$279,740	\$279,740	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Central Christian Academy	\$202,001	\$253,465	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Lemmon Tree Academy	\$49,849	\$49,849	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Heritage Leadership Academy - Fuquay Varina	\$195,965	\$195,965	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Academy 31	\$136,663	\$143,155	Wake	Christian, Biblical Worldview
My Dynamic Academy (Raleigh)	\$14,936	\$40,904	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Lucy Daniels Center	\$13,444	\$32,596	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Wake Monarch Academy	\$16,429	\$19,675	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Mariposa School	\$7,468	\$7,468	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Montessori Childrens House of Wake Forest	\$2,050	\$2,050	Wake	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
Norlina Christian School	\$67,081	\$367,086	Warren	Curriculum Not Found
Wildwood ALC	\$71,318	\$71,318	Watauga	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Grace Academy	\$840,931	\$1,596,943	Watauga	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wayne Country Day School	\$841,322	\$2,498,951	Wayne	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
St. Mary Catholic School	\$846,472	\$2,433,697	Wayne	NCSCOS, Religious
Wayne Montessori School	\$299,584	\$889,579	Wayne	Nonreligious, Curriculum Specified
New Independence Academy	\$36,592	\$150,202	Wayne	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Wayne Christian School	\$2,941,533	\$7,607,410	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Faith Christian Academy	\$1,638,015	\$5,355,512	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview

School Name	Voucher Funding 2024-25	2014-2024 (April)	County	Curriculum Type
Rhema Christian Academy	\$198,652	\$1,084,069	Wayne	Curriculum Not Found
Pathway Christian Academy	\$209,120	\$277,390	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Living Waters Christian School	\$36,295	\$47,202	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Covenant Christian Academy	\$21,975	\$21,975	Wayne	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Millers Creek Christian School	\$665,219	\$2,463,126	Wilkes	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Harvest Time Christian Academy	\$592,966	\$1,975,245	Wilkes	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Greenfield School	\$1,001,170	\$1,653,624	Wilson	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Great Accomplishments Academy	\$335,312	\$1,377,536	Wilson	Nonreligious, Curriculum Unspecified
Garnett Christian Academy	\$236,264	\$734,190	Wilson	NCSCOS, Religious
Community Christian School	\$1,283,372	\$3,809,084	Wilson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Wilson Christian Academy	\$1,906,791	\$3,593,231	Wilson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Level Up Academy	\$369,298	\$1,094,056	Wilson	Curriculum Not Found
Rosebud Christian Academy	\$85,508	\$269,333	Wilson	Christian, Biblical Worldview
Genesis Academy	\$123,528	\$417,059	Yancey	Curriculum Not Found

Appendix C: School Vouchers: The First Three Years. A Report Issued by: Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, March 2017 (Selected Excerpts)³⁶

Below are selected excerpts from the Duke study on School Vouchers (March 2017).

Executive Summary

“Based on limited and early data, more than half the students using vouchers are performing below the 50th percentile on nationally standardized reading, language, and math tests. In contrast, similar public school students in NC are scoring above the national average.”

“Accountability measures for North Carolina private schools receiving vouchers are among the weakest in the country. The schools need not be accredited, adhere to state curricular or graduation standards, employ licensed teachers, or administer state End-of-Grade tests.”

“Because private schools receiving vouchers are not required to administer the state tests nor to publish detailed achievement data, researchers will be unable to develop thorough and valid conclusions about the success of the program at improving educational outcomes for participating students.”

“The North Carolina voucher program is well designed to promote parental choice, especially for parents who prefer religious education for their children. It is poorly designed, however, to promote better academic outcomes for children and is unlikely to do so.”

Academic Performance of Voucher Students

“The law requires all schools with students enrolled in the program to administer, at least once a year, a nationally standardized test to voucher students in all grades, beginning with third grade... The test must measure achievement in English grammar, reading, spelling, and math. The law does not spell out how the data is to be provided, whether by individual scores or only as aggregate data. The SEAA¹⁶ does not collect demographic data on the test takers specifically, so it does not have the ability to see the test results by grade level, race, ethnicity, or sex.”

“The law states that most of the data is not a public record. However, a small subset of the data—the aggregate test performance of voucher students enrolled at schools where more than 25 students receive vouchers—is a public record.”

“For the 2015-16 school year, 34 schools reported aggregate data, reporting results for 805 test takers. This represents ten percent of the participating schools and 22% of the students with vouchers. Overall, in the aggregate, a majority scored below the 50th percentile on the tests.”

“The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, which is under the authority of General Administration of the University of North Carolina, administers the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

³⁶ Children’s Law Clinic, Duke Law School, & Wettach, J. R. (2017). *School Vouchers in North Carolina: The First Three Years*. Duke Law School.
https://law.duke.edu/childedlaw/docs/School_Vouchers_NC.pdf

“Because the law allows the private schools to select their own tests, requires only a very small percentage of the test scores to be made public, and allows the public data to be reported only in aggregate form, no accurate comparisons can be made.”

“Due to the nature of the data that will be produced by the private schools—which will never be comparable to public school data—it is unlikely that any truly valid comparison will be possible.”

Accountability

“In comparison to most other states, North Carolina’s general system of oversight of private schools is weak.” “Under North Carolina law, private schools are permitted to make their own decisions regarding curriculum, graduation requirements, teacher qualifications, number of hours/days of operation, and for the most part, testing. No accreditation is required of private schools.”

“Most states require schools accepting vouchers to be accredited in some fashion, use the state-approved curriculum or an equivalent, employ only licensed or certified teachers, participate in the state testing program, and operate for as many hours and days of school as public schools are operated. Most other jurisdictions also require that the schools accepting vouchers make their testing data public, and several have a mechanism that denies future vouchers for schools that cannot demonstrate acceptable educational results over a period of time.”

Analysis

Is the program serving its purposes?

“The law creating the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program does not set out its purpose. Generally, however, voucher supporters identify ‘parental choice’ as one of the most significant values in support of voucher programs.”

“The program in North Carolina is not limited to families whose children were or would be enrolled in low-performing public schools, nor does the program have any program features that channel students into schools with better academic outcomes than the public schools in which the students would otherwise be enrolled. In fact, there is no requirement that the participating private schools meet any threshold of academic quality. Thus, to the extent that the program was established to provide options for better outcomes for children, nothing in the program’s design assures or even promotes that outcome.”

Is there enough accountability to the public?

“Because voucher programs, like the one in North Carolina, are supported through tax revenues, the public has a stake in knowing whether the money spent represents a sound investment. In addition, because attendance at a private school meets the state’s compulsory education requirement, the state has a stake in being assured that the education offered meets basic standards.” “Overall, the program lacks the type of accountability that would allow the public to make an informed judgment about the investment being made.

Following are the limitations of the few additional accountability measures built into the program:

- “Annual testing, rather than triennial testing.” “Only publicly available test data is from schools that enroll more than 25 voucher students. For 2015-16, the data covered just 10% of the schools.” “There is no mechanism to withhold vouchers from schools that produce poor test results.”
- “Independent research. The law requires that by 2018, the SEAA must contract with an independent research organization to analyze the ‘learning gains or losses of students receiving scholarship grants...on a statewide basis and...compare, to the extent possible...to public school students with similar socioeconomic backgrounds...’ It must also analyze the competitive effect on the public schools.” “Despite this provision, it is unlikely that the research will provide any valid comparisons or truly informative results.”
- “Financial review. Financial reviews are required only for schools receiving more than \$300,000 in vouchers. In 2014-15, no school met that threshold; in 2015-16 and 2016-17 only three schools met the threshold...Neither the law nor the program rules make clear what findings would trigger a withholding of funds, nor what would resolve the findings...the law does nothing to protect students from the impact of a school’s financial mismanagement, nor does it protect the nearby public schools from the difficulties of having to immediately absorb those children.”
- “Criminal background checks. Private schools enrolling voucher students must submit a criminal background check of the head of the school...The law does not, however, give the SEAA the power to withhold voucher payments to a school that has a head-of-school with a criminal background.” “Virtually all school districts in North Carolina conduct criminal background checks on all employees prior to hiring, although the overall system for conducting criminal background checks was considered to be very poor according to one study.”
- “Discrimination. Schools accepting vouchers are forbidden from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin. They may, however, discriminate on the basis of religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic.”

Conclusion

“The North Carolina program is not designed to accomplish one of the main goals that its proponents express: to provide an escape mechanism for students in failing public schools so they can thrive in a more successful educational environment. The North Carolina program allows for participation in the program by children who are not in failing schools and by private schools that *do not* offer a more academically promising education...Even if the state became aware of significant deficiencies in the participating schools, the law provides no mechanism for those schools to be denied continued receipt of voucher support.”

“The design of North Carolina’s program—as well as the way it has been used to date is more suited to goals that do not relate to academic outcomes for children.” “The program has no checks to protect children from the choices of their parents, which could include the choice to send a child to a fringe school that does virtually nothing to prepare a child for active participation in our democratic society after graduation or may even undermine such

participation. While surely most parents will not choose such an outcome, that such an outcome is supported by taxpayer resources is profoundly problematic.”

“The research of programs in other states is now nearly unanimous in showing that students in voucher programs do not have better educational outcomes than children in public schools.”

“Nevertheless, should the state continue to offer school vouchers, it should seriously consider amendments to the program.”

“The most important amendments include the following:

- Require all participating schools to offer a curriculum that is at least equivalent to the curriculum used in the North Carolina public schools, providing instruction in English language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, arts education, foreign languages, and technology skills; alternatively design an accreditation system that holds schools to strong academic standards.
- Require all participating schools to set reasonable qualifications for teachers.
- Require that students receiving vouchers participate in the state End-of-Grade testing program, and that the schools receiving voucher support publicly report data in the same manner as is required of public schools.
- Require all participating schools to offer at least the same number of hours and days of education as are offered by the public schools.
- Prohibit all forms of discrimination in schools accepting voucher support.
- Require limited financial reviews of all schools, with more extensive reviews for schools receiving more than \$50,000 in voucher support.
- Strengthen the oversight role of the NCSEAA and/or the Division of Non-Public Education such that schools that consistently fail to provide an adequate education are denied continued voucher payments.

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