

COMPARATIVE TOOL

	<u>Secular School Model</u>	<u>Episcopal School Model</u>	<u>Belief Covenant School Model</u>
Mission	To deliver an exceptional educational model for diverse religious, cultural, and economic backgrounds	To deliver an exceptional educational model for diverse religious, cultural, and economic backgrounds that honors and celebrates God as the center of life without requiring church membership or conversion	To deliver an exceptional educational model that supports family religious beliefs and/or to convert to Christianity
Admission	Non-Discriminatory	Non-discriminatory based on belief that all have dignity and value	Allows exclusivity based on denominational beliefs
	All faiths welcomed and valued		Signed parental statement of Christian faith
Curriculum	May teach world religions in a history class	Teaches Biblical and religious literacy and their impact on the self, the community, and the world. Focuses on Christianity and the Bible, while also celebrating human and cultural diversity through world religions.	Study focuses on the Bible and apologetics to defend faith.
School Life		Chapel includes the daily office (morning and noonday prayers) and weekly Eucharist. Services are rooted in the Episcopal tradition through the use of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.	Regular worship time aligned with denominational or nondenominational expressions of worship
Hiring	Service learning based on civic responsibility	Service learning based on call from Jesus + civic responsibility	
	Counseling staff	Pastoral clergy to complement counseling staff	
	Hires mission-fit employees		Hires congruent believers, usually with a signed faith statement