



five reasons **TO CHOOSE PRIVATE EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

When it comes to your child's education, there are many factors to consider. You must weigh the quality of education, investment, diversity, activities offered, and geographic location, among others. In doing so, you might be thinking, what is the best route to go? Is private education right for our family? What are the benefits of private vs. public education?

According to [data](#) from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), it showed that private school students score higher in almost all subjects when compared to public and charter schools. An [article](#) by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) found that students enrolled in private schools excelled in all subject areas compared to their public school peers when taking college entry tests such as the SAT.





If those statistics are not enough to consider private education, Elgin Academy, a private 501©(3) highly-regarded preschool-12 independent school in the Elgin, Illinois area, has five reasons worth noticing:



Unique Educational Opportunities

A private education gives your child the opportunity to be involved in enriching academic activities that are not as common in public schools. For example, private schools offer advanced placement courses, extensive athletics, fine arts, and leadership programs and can create specialized programs and curricula. According to an article by [Public School Review](#), “many parents are drawn to the alternative curriculums that private schools have to offer.”



Education Innovation

A smaller environment gives your child an opportunity to be surrounded by innovations as they are easier to implement. Faculty feel empowered to connect and give personal attention to students in smaller classrooms. A recent article by Public School Review wrote that “on average, private schools have smaller average class sizes than public schools. A 2008 study by the NCES shows that private school class sizes vary from 15.4 students up to nearly 20 students per class. For public schools, teachers average between 20 to just over 23 students per class.” Looking at the student-to-teacher ratio, the article cited the NCES saying “as of 2009, private schools averaged 12.5 students per teacher, compared with an average of 15.4 students per teacher in public schools.”



Enhanced Educational Experience

At Elgin Academy, we believe the future is strong and a private school is an asset to the greater community. A private school is more disciplined in its teaching methods and also has smaller classes so teachers can connect better with their students. Private schools have their standards of hiring and terminating teachers and graduation requirements. The teachers who work at these schools may not be required to have a special certification to teach but they have experience and degrees teaching specific subjects.

A Holistic Approach

Private schools highly and warmly encourage everyone from students to their families to supporters to become active members of their community. They can participate in many activities such as parent breakfasts, open houses, fundraisers, dances, or even volunteering projects. These schools also foster open communication between administrators and parents who want to partner in their children's education.



Personalized College Counseling

Access to a one-to-one counseling starting at a younger age in private education gives your child a head start in his or her future planning. According to [Private School Review](#), "college advising in most private schools is not going to be confined to a single brief meeting with your child. The process starts when she arrives at the high school and intensifies as she gets closer to the various decision points in her junior and senior years. Selecting the right courses and preparing for college applications and senior year exams is not left to chance. The college advisers develop a plan for each student and keep tabs on their progress. Private school college advisers take a lot of little steps over the 3 or 4 years students are under their supervision to accomplish the mutually agreed upon goals."

The investment in your child's education is the best one you can make. As you are navigating through various school options—public, private, charter, or magnet—, when it comes to creating the best investment, private education has a solid reputation for results.

We realize you place a high priority on your child's education. As a tuition-based school, Elgin Academy talks with families about the best financial solutions for them as they are preparing to enroll their children. We invite you to contact our office to learn more what an independent school education can do to positively shape your children and their future.

For more information, visit elginacademy.org or call (847) 695-0300.



About Elgin Academy

Chartered in 1839, Elgin Academy, a private 501©(3) highly-regarded preschool-12 independent school in the Elgin area, is uniquely positioned to help every child realize and fulfill his or her potential and prepare them to make a positive impact on the world. EA taps into its innovative and adaptive culture to provide a unique student experience and differentiated student support.

The academy is deliberately fulfilling its mission by offering an educational experience where kids are inspired to become creative, courageous, and compassionate. The investment made by parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends in the differentiated experience Elgin Academy provides helps make a positive impact on the world. For more information, visit elginacademy.org.



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