

Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools

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The educational choices you consider for your children are among the most important decisions you make as a parent. Just as children are different, so are schools. Though finding a suitable match between your child and a school can be arduous and anxious, Atlanta is fortunate in having a wide variety of schools with a generous range of characteristics. The Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAAIS) is proud of its member schools and strives to provide useful information for parents.

There is no one “best school” for your child. Finding a suitable match occurs when parents and admissions professionals work together to share important information about children and school programs. Your goal is to find an educational environment where your child can learn well. A school’s goal is to develop a group of children who enjoy learning in a setting where their particular intellectual, social, and emotional needs can be met. Finding an appropriate match should be a process of discovering more about your child and learning more about the excellent educational options Atlanta offers.

AAAIS Schools and Admissions Principles of Good Practice

AAAIS schools share an interest in a student’s personal as well as academic growth. Some schools are elementary or secondary only; some enroll students from pre-school through grade twelve; some “special purpose” schools offer programs for students with special needs; all are accredited schools of notable quality.

While independent schools have much in common, they vary in how they evaluate a child for admission. You are encouraged to visit www.atlantaprivateschools.com and to contact schools directly for detailed information. Read their material, visit their campus, and ask questions about their educational mission, as well as their instruction, values, and practices.

The Principles of Good Practice that follow reflect the ethical and professional guidelines expected of the administrators, trustees, faculty, parents, and alumni who constitute the membership of the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools. Understanding and adhering to these Principles of Good Practice will help ensure professional admission procedures for both families and schools.

Nondiscrimination & Individual Respect

AAAIS adheres to the same standard of nondiscrimination which is a Principle of Good Practice of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS): “The school adheres to local, state, and federal laws and regulations that require nondiscriminatory practice in the administration of admission policies.” Another NAIS principle affirmed by AAAIS states: “The school respects and affirms the dignity and worth of each individual in the admission process.”

Student Recruitment Practices

Each school seeks those students who meet its particular mission and admission criteria. Further, school employees and their representatives – such as current parents, benefactors, and trustees – should:

- Communicate their mission and admission criteria through objective advertisements, recruitment materials, open houses, interviews, etc.
- Speak accurately, comprehensively, and proudly about their own school, but not allege weaknesses in other schools.
- Avoid using undue influence in recruiting students.
- Refrain from asking applicants or their parents to designate a certain school as their first choice, which applies unnecessary pressure on families.

Visitation & Preliminary Discussions

AAAIS recognizes the rights of currently enrolled students or parents to visit and consider other schools without notifying the present school. Initial inquiries should be made to the potential new school's Director of Admission.

Communication of Admissions Policies

A school's Director of Admission is responsible, in conjunction with the Head of School, for establishing and disseminating admissions policies to its constituents (trustees, administrative staff, faculty, parents, alumni, and friends of the school) and for making clear to all applicants details of the admissions procedure, dates, and related costs of applying and attending the school.

Financial Aid Policies

Each candidate for admission will be required to give adequate documentation of family financial resources in order to be considered for financial aid. All financial aid awards are based only on need. AAAIS schools do not give financial awards to applicants for any reason other than demonstrated need, and awards do not exceed that need. AAAIS prohibits the use of scholarships for academic, athletic, or artistic merit or talent as recruitment tools. Financial aid applicants will be notified in writing no sooner than the time of parent notification of admission status. Financial aid applications are confidential.

The Submission of Information

The applicant and his/her family will:

- Provide truthful and complete information regarding academic performance, conduct, and reasons for leaving another school.
- Agree to notify the school of significant changes that occur in academic and conduct performance after the application has been submitted and/or after the application has been accepted.

The school reserves the right to revoke the applicant's acceptance if inaccurate information is given or information is omitted.

Transcripts & Confidentiality

AAAIS schools will:

- Upon written request and as promptly as possible, send a transcript (or its equivalent) and other pertinent information to another school to which a student has applied.
- Not offer a place to a student without first receiving an official transcript (or its equivalent) from the student's present school.
- Not knowingly enroll a student who is indebted to another school for educational services rendered.
- Take all responsible and lawful measures to maintain the confidentiality of reports and information exchanged among schools concerning students and parents.

Personal References

Schools and their representatives – such as current parents, benefactors, and trustees – will adhere to these Principles of Good Practice by not exerting undue influence on the Director of Admission or an admission committee or by implying their influence to candidates. Any recommendations should be based on actual knowledge of the student's academic achievement, potential, or character.

Notification Dates

AAAIS schools recognize that the admission season for an upcoming school year can be an anxious time for families, just as it is for schools. Therefore:

- AAAIS schools agree to common admission calendar dates. General purpose schools abide by a common date for applicant notification of status as well as a common date by which applicants must advise schools of their decision regarding offers of admission.
- No AAAIS school will advise any applicant of acceptance, denial, or wait-list status prior to the Common Notification Date in early spring, nor will any AAAIS school ask or imply that an applicant should advise the school of a decision prior to the common applicant response date.
- Schools designated by AAAIS as "special purpose" schools – which have as their central mission the provision of special services for students with learning needs – may follow their own admission calendars, which can include "rolling admissions."
- AAAIS member schools agree not to initiate contact with accepted applicants between the Common Notification Date and the AAAIS Common Reply Date, by which the school must be notified by the applicant of their decision regarding offers.
- AAAIS schools encourage families to complete their visits early in the admission process. In order to prevent inappropriate "rushing" of accepted students, AAAIS asks that parents and applicants not visit campuses between the Common Notification Date and the Common Reply Date.

The AAAIS member schools listed on the reverse side agree to abide by these Principles. Concerns regarding compliance with these Principles of Good Practice can be communicated to the Director of Admission or the Head of any AAAIS school.

Additional copies of this brochure are available at any of the independent schools listed or you may visit www.aaais.org.

AAIS School Listings

Academe of the Oaks

404-405-2173
9th-12th; Co-ed; Day

Arbor Montessori

404-321-9304
2.5 yrs.-8th, Co-ed; Day; 285 Students

Athens Academy

706-549-9225
K3-12th; Co-ed; Day; 917 Students

Atlanta Academy

678-461-6102
PK3-8th; Co-ed; 230 Students

Atlanta Adventist Academy

404-699-1400
9th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 116 Students

Atlanta Country Day School

770-998-0311
7th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 40 Students

Atlanta Girls' School

404-845-0900
6th-12th; Girls; Day; 214 Students

Atlanta International School

404-841-3840
PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 935 Students

Atlanta Speech School

404-233-5332
PK-6th; Co-ed; Day; 386 Students

Ben Franklin Academy

404-633-7404
9th - 12th; Co-ed; Day; 150 Students

Blessed Trinity Catholic High School

678-277-9083
9th -12th; Co-ed; Day; 940 Students

Brandon Hall School

770-394-8177
5th-12th, PG; Co-ed; Day/Boarding; 130 Students

The Children's School

404-873-6985
PP3 -6th; Co-ed; Day; 400 Students

Christ the King

404-233-0383
K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 551 Students

Chrystalis Experiential Academy, Inc.

770-649-7077
5th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 75 Students

The Cottage School

770-641-8688
6th-12th; Co-ed; 148 Students

Cumberland Academy of Georgia

404-835-9000
4th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 55 Students

The Darlington School

706-235-6051 / 800-368-4437
PK-PG, Coed-Day/Boarding, 827 Students

The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy

770-671-0085
K Prep-8th; Co-ed; Day; 650 Students

Eaton Academy

770-645-2673
K-12th; Co-ed; Day; 150 Students

The Epstein School

404-250-5600
18 mos.-8th; Co-ed; Day; 600 Students

Excel Christian Academy

770-382-9488
K-12th; Co-ed; Day; 390 Students

Faith Lutheran School

770-973-8921
PS2-8th; Co-ed; Day; 200 Students

First Montessori School of Atlanta

404-252-3910
18 mos.-8th; Day; 260 Students

The Friends School of Atlanta

404-373-8746
PK - 8th; Co-ed; Day; 170 Students

The Galloway School

404-252-8389
PK -12th; Co-ed; Day; 700 Students

Greater Atlanta Christian School

770-243-2000
K4-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1850 Students

Greenfield Hebrew Academy

404-843-9900
3 Years-8th; Co-ed; Day; 400 Students

Gwinnett Christian Academy

770-982-3773
K4-7th; Co-ed; Day; 112 students

The Heiskell School

404-262-2233
2 yrs. -8th; Co-ed; Day; 400 Students

Heritage Preparatory School

404-815-7711
4 yrs.-8th; Co-ed; Day; 150 Students

The Heritage School

770-253-9898

3 yrs.-12th; Co-ed; Day; 425 Students

High Meadows School

770-993-2940

PS3.-8th ; Co-ed; Day; 400 Students

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

404-255-4026

3 yrs. -12th; Co-ed; Day; 1320 Students

The Howard School

404-377-7436

5 yrs.-12th; Co-ed; Day; 240 Students

Immaculate Heart Of Mary

404-636-4488

K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 504 Students

International Preparatory Institute

404-758-6691

2 yrs.-5th; Co-ed; Day; 130 Students

King's Ridge Christian School

770-754-5738

K-12th; Co-ed; Day; 650 Students

Lakeview Academy

770-531-2602

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 500 Students

Landmark Christian School

770-306-0647

K4 -12th; Co-ed; Day; 808 Students

The Lovett School

404-262-3032

K -12th; Co-ed; Day; 1560 Students

Marist School

770-457-7201

7th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1070 Students

Mill Springs Academy

770-360-1336

1st-12th, Co-ed; Day; 305 Students

Clara Mohammed Elementary School and

W.D. Mohammed High School of Atlanta

404-378-4219

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 200 students

Mount Pisgah Christian School

678-336-3443

2 yrs.-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1200 Students

Mount Vernon Presbyterian School

404-252-3448

3 yrs.-12th; Co-ed; Day; 750 Students

Notre Dame Academy

678-387-9385

3 yrs.-8th; Co-ed; Day; 465 Students

Oak Mountain Academy

770-834-6651

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 400 Students

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

404-364-1902

PK-8th; Co-ed; Day; 475 Students

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School

770-461-2202

9th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 250 Students

Pace Academy

404-262-1345

P1st-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1000 Students

The Paideia School

404-270-2312

3 yrs.-12th; Co-ed; Day; 960 Students

Pinecrest Academy

770-888-4477

PK-12th; Co-ed; 830 Students

The Schenck School

404-252-2591

K-6th; Co-ed; 250 Students

Sophia Academy

404-303-8722

K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 125 Students

St. Francis Day School

770-641-8257

PK.-8th; Co-ed; Day; 575 Students

St. Francis High School. Grades 9-12

678-339-9989

9th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 300 Students

St. John The Evangelist Catholic School

404-767-4312

PK-8th; Co-ed; Day; 302 Students

St. Joseph Catholic School

770-428-3328

K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 475 Students

St. Jude The Apostle Catholic School

770-394-2880

K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 500 Students

St. Martin's Episcopal School

404-237-4260

3Yrs-8th; Co-ed; Day; 550 Students

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School

404-241-3063

PK-8th; Co-ed; Day; 130 Students

St. Pius X Catholic School

404-636-3023

9th-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1850 Students

St. Thomas More Catholic School

404-373-8456

K-8th; Co-ed; Day; 450 Students

The Swift School

678-205-4988

1st-6th; Co-ed; Day; 108 Students

Torah Day School

404-982-0800

K-8th; Co-ed; Day,

Trinity School

404-231-8100

3 yrs. -6th; Co-ed; Day; 608 Students

The Waldorf School Atlanta

404-377-1315

3 yrs.-8th; Co-ed; Day; 220 Students

The Walker School

678-581-6891

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1080 Students

The Weber School

404-917-2500

9th-12th; Co-ed High School; 220 Students

Weslevan School

770-448-7640

K-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1122 Students

The Westminster Schools

404-609-6202

P1st-12th; Co-ed; Day; 1848 Students

Whitefield Academy

678-305-3000

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 686 Students

Woodward Academy (2 Campuses)

404-765-4001

PK-12th; Co-ed; Day; 2900 Students

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