

Choosing a Direct Payment School

Opportunity & ESA+ Scholarships
June 21, 2024



Helpful Hints for Zoom

Slides & Recording will be posted at [Opportunity Scholarship Webinars](#) & [ESA+ Scholarship Webinars](#)

- Zoom has **closed captioning** available

Asking Questions

- Use the Q & A to ask your questions (*chat is disabled*)
- Please do NOT provide confidential information during this Zoom session
- Email OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu or ESA@ncseaa.edu to ask questions about an individual student.

Answering Questions

- Presentation team will answer questions from the Q & A at the end
- Only questions related to this session's content will be addressed live

Need to Reach Us?

EMAIL ADDRESS: OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu
ESA@ncseaa.edu



Please be sure you are emailing the Program from the email address listed in your MyPortal parent account. Otherwise, program staff will not be able to respond with student-level information.

Provide Program Staff with as much information as possible in the email! Include:
Student Name(s), PID #, Parent Name, Detailed Question(s) and/or Concerns

1-855-330-3955



NCSEAA & Our Guests



North Carolina offers grant and scholarship programs that expand school choice and help families afford nonpublic K12 schools. NCSEAA administers these programs on behalf of the State, maintains a call center, and publishes printed publications that assist families.

Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina is a non-profit organization that advocates for quality educational options through parental school choice.



Finding A School: NC Schools Around Me


NCSchoolsAroundMe.com is a one-of-a-kind website that puts parental school choice options right at parents' fingertips.

Let's check it out!



NC SCHOOLS
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Finding A School: NC Schools Around Me



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Select schools to compare

School Name	Grade	Address	Type	Students	Grades Served
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Bethel Assembly Christian Acad.		105 ASKEWVILLE BRYANT STREET	Private	--	K5/Kindergarten - 12
Bethel Christian Academy		100 PARK STREET	Private	--	K5/Kindergarten - 12
Financial Support Tuition Program Detail					
Opportunity Scholarship	Yes	Elementary school \$7,400	Private type	RELIGIOUS	
ESA+	Yes	Middle school \$7,400	Uniforms	Yes	
Financial aid from school	Yes	High school \$7,400	Transportation provided	No	
Bethel Christian Academy 		1936 BANKS SCHOOL ROAD	Private	--	K5/Kindergarten - 12
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	Adventist Christian Academy 	Triangle Day School 	St. Ann Catholic School 
Performance grade			
School type	Private	Private	Private
Address	4601 EMORY LANE Charlotte, NC 28211	4911 NEAL ROAD Durham, NC 27705	365 N. COOL SPRING STREET Fayetteville, NC 28301
Students	--	--	--
Grades served	K5/Kindergarten - 8	K5/Kindergarten - 8	K5/Kindergarten - 8
Program Detail			
Magnet or other program	-	-	-
Calendar	-	-	-
Private type	RELIGIOUS	NON-RELIGIOUS	RELIGIOUS
Uniforms	Yes	No	Yes
Transportation provided	No	No	No
Financial support			
Opportunity Scholarship	Yes	Yes	Yes
ESA+	Yes	Yes	Yes
Financial aid from school	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuition			
Elementary school	\$5,460	\$17,100	\$5,700
Middle school	\$5,740	\$19,950	\$5,700
High school	--	--	--

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Finding A School: Questions to Ask

What is the school's philosophy or vision?

- Make sure that their mission is consistent with your own educational beliefs and values.

What academic programs do you offer and what curriculum do you use?

- Make sure the school's academic programs meet your child's needs and align with your desires for him or her.
- Find out what the curricular guidelines and standards are at the school. You should also about their approach – it should align with your child's learning needs and style.

Finding A School: Questions to Ask

What extracurricular activities do you offer?

- Ideally, a school will offer extracurriculars that meet your child's interests and needs.
- Consider which activities your child can sign up for and which require a special condition for participation.

How is your school operated and governed?

- Private schools are not subject to your county school board.
- They can be for-profit or non-profit.
- They can be led by school directors, owner-operators, or boards of directors.
- Schools can be accredited, governed, and funded by independent educational organizations.
- Ask about the leadership hierarchy and who is responsible for making which decisions.

Finding A School: Questions to Ask

What is the total cost to attend the school?

- Private schools charge tuition and often have school fees associated with the total cost.
- Be sure to ask for a comprehensive list of costs and charges that you should expect:
 - Enrollment fee
 - Registration/New student fee
 - Curriculum/Book/Resource fee
 - Enrichment classes (ex: Discovery, AIG)
 - Uniforms, Class t-shirts, etc.
 - Lunch
 - Transportation
 - After school care
 - Sports/Clubs/Band
 - Field Trips

What financial commitment are you making to your school?

- It is extremely important to understand the financial obligations you agree to when enrolling your child in a particular school.
- Typically, it will include an obligation to the full tuition balance.
- This may also include your obligation to pay the full tuition balance if you decide to unenroll your child at any point in the school year.
- There may be considerations if you lose a significant portion of your income or you move a certain number of miles away, but these details will be found within the financial agreement.

Need Help With Your Search? We Can Help!

The Parent Liaison Team is made up of parents, just like you, who have exercised parental school choice for their own children.

Let us help you find a school that meets your child's needs!

***NC Schools Around Me
Demo***



***Download our comprehensive
Parent Resource Guide***



***Watch our
Parent Resource Guide Video***





Choosing a Direct Payment School

Direct Payment Schools



K12 Programs: Direct Payment Schools

Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools: 2024-2025

ESA+ parents, if your school is not listed, see information [here](#)

County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Alamance	Alamance Christian School Graham	Graham
Alamance	Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Bradford Academy Mebane	MEBANE
Alamance	Burbrella Microschool Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Burlington Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Faith Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Grace Christian Academy Haw River	Haw River
Alamance	Positive Day School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Providence A Christian Montessori Community Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	The Burlington School Burlington	Burlington
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Alexander	Millersville Christian Academy Taylorsville	Taylorsville
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Anson	Deep Creek Christian Academy Wadesboro	Wadesboro
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Avery	Bethel Christian Academy Spruce Pine	Spruce Pine
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Beaufort	Pungo Christian Academy Belhaven	Belhaven

**List of current
Direct Payment
Schools**



School Choice in MyPortal

Welcome to MyPortal

Use My Portal to manage your college financial aid and K12 grants and scholarships for K12 dependents.

- ✓ To Do List
- 📁➡ Applications and Renewals for K-12th Grade
- 📁➡ Applications and Renewals for College
- 👤➡ School Choice
- 🌟 Eligibility and Award Information
- 🔍 Help Requests
- 📧 Notifications
- 👤 My Contact Information
- 📄 My Profile



Login To [MyPortal](#)

Click on School Choice

Choose from the dropdown



Need to Transfer to Another School?

NC's K12 Scholarships are portable

Opportunity & ESA+ awards are funded to a student, not to a school. The scholarship is **portable**. Parents can transfer a student's scholarship to another eligible nonpublic school.

When?

The easiest time to transfer schools is between semesters or at the end of the school year.

[K12 Programs: School Transfers](#)

How?

1. Withdraw from your school.
2. Email us to notify.
3. Program Staff will guide you through the remainder of the process.

What other information can we provide?

We look forward to helping you during the
2024-2025 school year!

PEFNC Contact Information



pefnc.org
NCSchoolsAroundMe.com



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A member of the Parent Liaison Team will respond to you in 24 hours.

SEAA Contact Information



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