

A look inside our schools

The Heights and Hillcrest neighborhoods are home to some of central Arkansas' finest public and private schools. Below is an overview of some of the area's educational opportunities.

NAME	ADDRESS	GRADES	HIGHLIGHTS	PRINCIPAL/HEADMASTER
Fair Park Early Childhood Center	616 N. Harrison St.	PreK	Fair Park Early Childhood Center provides a high-quality preschool education at no cost to parents. Learning is done in a nurturing environment with professionals available to help the program's children develop socially, emotionally and academically.	Judy Milam
Children's House Montessori School	4023 Lee Ave.	PreK-3	The Children's House Montessori School has been providing a Montessori education to Little Rock students for about 35 years. At Children's House, the emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual aspects of a child's growth are considered of equal importance. So with that philosophy in mind, the classroom environment is designed to meet the needs of the "whole child."	Nancy Scott
Forest Park Elementary	1600 N. Tyler St.	PreK-5	Forest Park has a dynamic staff along with a curriculum that is geared toward student success. The Accelerated Reader program motivates students to build literacy skills, while subjects such as hands-on math, science lessons using experiments, Spanish, art, music, technology and chess round out a child's education.	Theresa Courtney-Ketcher
Jefferson Elementary	2600 N. McKinley St.	PreK-5	Jefferson Elementary School has a reputation of providing a nurturing learning environment, while offering a curriculum based on the latest educational models. Students have access to K-2 enrichment, a gifted program, computers, full-time music and art programs, speech and a licensed counselor. Jefferson is designated a "Blue Ribbon School" by the Arkansas Department of Education.	Roberta Mannon
Pulaski Heights Elementary	319 N. Pine St.	K-5	Pulaski Heights Elementary is known for the dedication of its parents and PTA. The school offers the Accelerated Reader program, tutors, Pulaski Heights Middle School monitors, peer helpers, Junior Great Books, character education, Quiz Bowl, geography, spelling bees, Odyssey of the Mind and more. Funds raised through their highly successful Picasso's Art Auction helps support PTA projects and school programs.	Lillie Carter
Christ Lutheran School	315 S. Hughes St.	PreK3-8	Christ Lutheran School is devoted to providing a quality Christian education within a positive environment. Their curriculum meets and exceeds state standards, and Christ Lutheran School is part of the educational system of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Teachers are fully certified, and the school is accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation and the Arkansas Nonpublic Schools Accreditation Association.	Virginia Terrell
Arkansas River Valley Montessori	1509 N. Pierce St.	PreK3-9	Arkansas River Valley Montessori began enrolling students in 2003 and is fully affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS). Co-founders Pat Bowen and Somers Piazza, longtime Montessori teachers and co-workers, dreamed of having their own school one day, in which they would dedicate themselves to following the original Montessori ideas as closely as possible.	Somers Piazza
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School	1003 N. Tyler St.	K4-8	Our Lady of the Holy Souls recently celebrated its 80th birthday. Like other Catholic schools in the area, it has seen a growth in its student population that doesn't appear to be slowing down. The Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (ANSAA) has fully accredited Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic School. ANSAA is affiliated with the National Federation of Non-public Schools in Washington, DC.	Ileana Dobbins
Episcopal Collegiate School	1701 Cantrell Rd.	PreK-12	Episcopal Collegiate School is an independent and coeducational state-of-the-art college preparatory school, with a curriculum that is benchmarked against national and international standards and curricula. Advanced courses, 16 AP courses, sports and fine arts, such as drama, choral music and string orchestra, are offered.	Steve Hickman
Williams Magnet Elementary	7301 Evergreen Dr.	K-5	Situated on a lovely, wooded campus on Evergreen Street, Williams Magnet has a long tradition of providing a high-quality education for its students. The school offers a wide range of programs, such as technology, Reading is Fundamental, Arkansas Writers in the Schools, computers, art, physical education and music. The school is known for its structure, orderliness and discipline.	Sandra Register
Forest Heights Middle School	5901 Evergreen Dr.	6-8	After meeting rigorous requirements, Forest Heights recently became an International Baccalaureate—an internationally recognized and respected diploma program—school. The IB program gives students an exclusive opportunity to learn and achieve at higher levels than normally expected of middle school students. The school offers an exciting and challenging curriculum, including electives, for each grade.	Wanda Ruffins
Pulaski Heights Middle School	401 N. Pine St.	6-8	Pulaski Heights Middle School continues to excel in its dedication by offering a well-rounded education to its students. The team approach used by the school's teachers enhances the students' academic experience, as well as meets their social and emotional needs. Communication through technology and a new curriculum in English, math and science prepares students for the future.	Daniel Whitehorn
Catholic High School for Boys	6300 Father Tribou	9-12	Catholic High School is a college-preparatory school that strives to challenge boys academically, while its staff stresses faith, integrity and duty. In addition to its rigorous scholastic program, Catholic High School for Boys offers a concurrent college credit program through the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. The high school also offers sports and a number of extracurricular activities.	Steve Straessle
Little Rock Central High School	1500 Park St.	9-12	While a footnote in history, Little Rock Central also has an impressive academic record. The school offers more than 140 classes, including AP courses and foreign languages, as well as a wide range of extracurricular activities. In the last decade, the high school has graduated National Merit and National Achievement winners, and Presidential Scholars, more than 144 AP scholars and five Stephens' Award winners.	Nancy Rousseau
Mount St. Mary Academy	3224 Kavanaugh Blvd.	9-12	Ten years ago, Mount St. Mary Academy became the first high school in the state to offer the highly respected International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Even today the staff's dedication to scholastics continues to be priority one. The all-girls academy is accredited by the Arkansas Non-public School Accreditation Association and the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.	Diane Wolfe