



“ Easy and simple career newsletter for parents ”

“ If you wish for your child to have more diverse experiences, Consider choosing an alternative school! ”

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- #AlternativeSchool
- #NewEducation
- #Values
- #FreeChild
- #AllOverTheCountry
- #GlobalSchool
- #BoardingSchool
- #RuralSchool



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What is an alternative school?



An alternative school is an institution that offers various educational methods allowing students to go beyond the limitations of public education. Its vision is to enhance each student's unique strengths and characteristics rather than focusing solely on entrance exam systems.

Alternative schools can be broadly divided into accredited and non-accredited schools.



Accredited Alternative Schools

Upon graduation, these schools offer the same qualifications as public education, allowing graduation recognition. They operate with the support of the government, providing a relatively stable school life. However, being under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, they follow an educational curriculum similar to regular middle and high schools.



Non-Accredited Alternative Schools

Unlike accredited alternative schools, these institutions do not offer recognized graduation qualifications. For academic recognition, students must utilize the national qualification exam. However, being independent of the Ministry of Education policies, they offer unique and diverse educational programs.



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Alternative School Check List

To choose a school that brings out your child's strengths, consider the following:



Learning Methods

Depending on the school's vision, alternative schools apply various learning methods. There are **self-directed methods** nurturing self-reliance, **nature-based methods** fostering a close relationship with nature, **art and physical activity methods** promoting freedom, and **global methods** targeting foreign school admissions, among others.

Alternative schools are not found everywhere in the country. Therefore, there are parents who send their children to schools located at a considerable distance from their residence. **The school desired by both the child and the parents might be geographically distant.**



Location



Boarding

Many alternative schools have **dormitories**. This fosters community living, **helping children become socially aware** and offering alternative education opportunities to many students nationwide.

Alternative schools, aiming for freedom from public education, operate without government support. Unlike public schools, **parents share the burden of tuition fees**. Consider the tuition aspect thoroughly before sending your child to an alternative school.



Cost



Religion

Some schools may have **a religious orientation**. Ensure it aligns with the child's and family's beliefs, and that the child is prepared to embrace it.

How to Find Out More?

While alternative schools offer innovative and creative paths, they can be challenging. Even if interested, it may be hard to know where to start and which information is crucial.

Alternative Education Alliance

Through their website, you can check the flow of alternative education and **find out about schools nationwide**.

Link to Alternative Education Alliance



School Website

Explore various programs and activities offered by the school. Pay special attention to the principal's philosophy. In such a free environment, **the principal's goals for the school are vital**.

Visit & Consultation

Contact schools of interest to check for admission seminars, camps, etc. **Pre-visiting can be beneficial**.

“There is no one-size-fits-all answer. Trust in your child's abilities and find an environment conducive to their growth.”

