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529s & MIDDLE-CLASS ARKANSAS HOUSEHOLDS

"I've been told this isn't going to help anybody unless your income is \$100,000 a year." State Rep. Kim Hendren, R-Gravette

"Question: Could you tell, since you indicated that perhaps Rep. Hendren's figures are not correct, could you tell the body what percentage of Arkansans have significant and I mean \$10,000 or more of capital gains in a year's time?" State Rep. John Walker, D-Little Rock¹

(March 2018) Critics argue only the rich benefit from school choice but records show more than 30 Arkansas private schools charge tuition less than the top individual benefit (\$5,000) of 529 savings plans. Another six schools enroll younger students at similar rates. About 7,500 students attend these schools.²

Schools for Middle-Class Households

Following is a list of these schools, along with enrollment and annual tuition:

First Baptist Christian School (Rogers)	207	\$1,665-\$3,582 ³
Fayetteville Christian School	182	\$2,500-\$3,000 ⁴
North Little Rock Catholic Academy	182	\$2,650 ⁵
Miss Selma's School (Little Rock)	230	\$2,820-\$4,465 ⁶
St. Joseph Catholic School (Paris)	66	\$2,898-\$3,506 ⁷
St. John Catholic School (Russellville)	88	\$3,000-\$4,200 ⁸
Sacred Heart Catholic School (Morrliton)	240	\$3,150 ⁹
Columbia Christian School (Magnolia)	184	\$3,300 ¹⁰
Our Lady of Fatima School (Benton)	41	\$3,420 ¹¹
West Side Christian (El Dorado)	145	\$3,450-\$4,640 ¹²
St. Boniface Catholic School (Fort Smith)	101	\$3,500-\$4,900 ¹³
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (Jonesboro)	108	\$3,630 ¹⁴

¹ Arkansas House of Representatives, floor debate on HB 1122, March 7, 2018

² ANSAA Directory 2017-2018 http://www.ansaa.com/uploads/2/6/1/3/26134429/ansaa_directory_2017-2018.pdf, Member rates

³ www.fbcchristianschool.org

⁴ Interview

⁵ www.nlrca@dolr.org

⁶ <http://www.missselemasschool.com/>

⁷ <https://www.saintjosephschoolar.org/>

⁸ www.stjohnscatholicsschool.com

⁹ <http://www.sacredheartmorrliton.org/#>

¹⁰ www.ccscrusaders.com

¹¹ <http://ourladyoffatimaschool.com/>

¹² www.westsidechristianschool.org

¹³ www.stbonifaceschool.org



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Providence Classical Christian Ac. (Rogers)	333	\$3,636
St. Paul Catholic School (Pocahontas)	112	\$3,700 ¹⁴
St. Joseph School (Conway)	500	\$3,700-\$4,175
Immaculate Conception (Fort Smith)	296	\$3,810
Christ the King Catholic School (Fort Smith)	207	\$3,820
St. John Catholic School (Hot Springs)	100	\$3,850 ¹⁵
DeSoto School (West Helena)	185	\$3,890-\$4,540
St. Theresa Catholic School (Little Rock)	166	\$4,040
Avilla Christian Academy (Alexander)	103	\$4,100-\$4,600
St. Vincent de Paul School (Rogers)	379	\$4,110 ¹⁶
Our Lady of the Holy Souls (Little Rock)	503	\$4,122-\$4,774
St. Michael's Catholic School (West Memphis)	116	\$4,150-\$4,750
Agape Academy (Little Rock)	51	\$4,300-\$4,800
St. Edward Catholic School (Little Rock)	147	\$4,356 ¹⁷
Immaculate Conception (North Little Rock)	378	\$4,395
Immaculate Heart of Mary (North Little Rock)	121	\$4,400-\$4,950
Christ the King School (Little Rock)	631	\$4,510
Arkansas Christian Academy (Bryant)	288	\$4,500-\$4,800 ¹⁸
Southwest Christian Academy (Little Rock)	266	\$4,500-\$4,800
Catholic High School (Little Rock)	767	\$5,000 ¹⁹
Crowley's Ridge Academy (Paragould)	284	\$4,095-\$5,440 ²⁰
Ridgefield Christian School (Jonesboro)	165	\$4,175-\$5,720 ²¹
Abundant Life (Sherwood)	263	\$4,300-\$6,100 ²²
Shiloh Christian School (Springdale)	1,037	\$4,300-\$7,870 ²³
Central Arkansas Christian (Little Rock)	713	\$4,636-\$8,468 ²⁴
Trinity Christian School (Texarkana)	252	\$4,637-\$6,846 ²⁵

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¹⁴ www.catholicjonesboroschool.com, www.providence-academy.com, www.stpaulsabers.com

¹⁵ <https://www.stjosephconway.org/>, www.icschoolfs.org, www.ctlr-school.com, <http://sjschs.org/sjschs.org>

¹⁶ www.desotohunderbirds.com/, <http://www.stslr.org/>, www.avillachristian.org, <http://www.svdpschool.net/>

¹⁷ www.holysoulsschool.org, <http://stmichaelwm.org/#>, <https://www.agapeacademy.org/>, www.saintedwards.net

¹⁸ www.icsnlr.org, www.ihmnlr.org, www.ctlr.org, www.arkansaschristianacademy.org

¹⁹ <http://www.swchristian.com/swca>, www.lrchs.org

²⁰ <http://www.conwaychristianschool.org>

²¹ www.ridgefieldchristian.org

²² www.abundantlifeschool.org

²³ <http://www.shilohsaints.org/>

²⁴ www.cacmustangs.org

²⁵ <https://www.trinitywarriors.org/>