

## 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 Rock<sup>1</sup>

(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.<sup>2</sup>

### 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 <sup>3</sup>
Fayetteville Christian School	182	\$2,500-\$3,000 <sup>4</sup>
North Little Rock Catholic Academy	182	\$2,650 <sup>5</sup>
Miss Selma's School (Little Rock)	230	\$2,820-\$4,465 <sup>6</sup>
St. Joseph Catholic School (Paris)	66	\$2,898-\$3,506 <sup>7</sup>
St. John Catholic School (Russellville)	88	\$3,000-\$4,200 <sup>8</sup>
Sacred Heart Catholic School (Morrilton)	240	\$3,150 <sup>9</sup>
Columbia Christian School (Magnolia)	184	\$3,300 <sup>10</sup>
Our Lady of Fatima School (Benton)	41	\$3,420 <sup>11</sup>
West Side Christian (El Dorado)	145	\$3,450-\$4,640 <sup>12</sup>
St. Boniface Catholic School (Fort Smith)	101	\$3,500-\$4,900 <sup>13</sup>
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (Jonesboro)	108	\$3,630 <sup>14</sup>
Providence Classical Christian Ac. (Rogers)	333	\$3,636 <sup>15</sup>
St. Paul Catholic School (Pocahontas)	112	\$3,700 <sup>16</sup>
St. Joseph School (Conway)	500	\$3,700-\$4,175 <sup>17</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Arkansas House of Representatives, floor debate on HB 1122, March 7, 2018

<sup>2</sup> ANSAA Directory 2017-2018 [http://www.ansaa.com/uploads/2/6/1/3/26134429/ansaa\\_directory\\_2017-2018.pdf](http://www.ansaa.com/uploads/2/6/1/3/26134429/ansaa_directory_2017-2018.pdf), Member rates

<sup>3</sup> [www.fbcchristianschool.org](http://www.fbcchristianschool.org)

<sup>4</sup> Interview

<sup>5</sup> [www.nlrca@dolr.org](mailto:www.nlrca@dolr.org)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.misselmassschool.com/>

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

<sup>8</sup> [www.stjohnscatholicsschool.com](http://www.stjohnscatholicsschool.com)

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.sacredheartmorrilton.org/#>

<sup>10</sup> [www.ccscrusaders.com](http://www.ccscrusaders.com)

<sup>11</sup> <http://ourladyoffatimaschool.com/>

<sup>12</sup> [www.westsidechristianschool.org](http://www.westsidechristianschool.org)

<sup>13</sup> [www.stbonifaceschool.org](http://www.stbonifaceschool.org)

<sup>14</sup> [www.catholicjonesboroschool.com](http://www.catholicjonesboroschool.com)

<sup>15</sup> [www.providence-academy.com](http://www.providence-academy.com)

<sup>16</sup> [www.stpaulsabers.com](http://www.stpaulsabers.com)

Immaculate Conception (Fort Smith)	296	\$3,810 <sup>18</sup>
Christ the King Catholic School (Fort Smith)	207	\$3,820 <sup>19</sup>
St. John Catholic School (Hot Springs)	100	\$3,850 <sup>20</sup>
DeSoto School (West Helena)	185	\$3,890-\$4,540 <sup>21</sup>
St. Theresa Catholic School (Little Rock)	166	\$4,040 <sup>22</sup>
Avilla Christian Academy (Alexander)	103	\$4,100-\$4,600 <sup>23</sup>
St. Vincent de Paul School (Rogers)	379	\$4,110 <sup>24</sup>
Our Lady of the Holy Souls (Little Rock)	503	\$4,122-\$4,774 <sup>25</sup>
St. Michael's Catholic School (West Memphis)	116	\$4,150-\$4,750 <sup>26</sup>
Agape Academy (Little Rock)	51	\$4,300-\$4,800 <sup>27</sup>
St. Edward Catholic School (Little Rock)	147	\$4,356 <sup>28</sup>
Immaculate Conception (North Little Rock)	378	\$4,395 <sup>29</sup>
Immaculate Heart of Mary (North Little Rock)	121	\$4,400-\$4,950 <sup>30</sup>
Christ the King School (Little Rock)	631	\$4,510 <sup>31</sup>
Arkansas Christian Academy (Bryant)	288	\$4,500-\$4,800 <sup>32</sup>
Southwest Christian Academy (Little Rock)	266	\$4,500-\$4,800 <sup>33</sup>
Catholic High School (Little Rock)	767	\$5,000 <sup>34</sup>
Crowley's Ridge Academy (Paragould)	284	\$4,095-\$5,440 <sup>35</sup>
Ridgefield Christian School (Jonesboro)	165	\$4,175-\$5,720 <sup>36</sup>
Abundant Life (Sherwood)	263	\$4,300-\$6,100 <sup>37</sup>
Shiloh Christian School (Springdale)	1,037	\$4,300-\$7,870 <sup>38</sup>
Central Arkansas Christian (Little Rock)	713	\$4,636-\$8,468 <sup>39</sup>
Trinity Christian School (Texarkana)	252	\$4,637-\$6,846 <sup>40</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.stjosephconway.org/>

<sup>18</sup> [www.icschoolfs.org](http://www.icschoolfs.org)

<sup>19</sup> [www.ctlr-school.com](http://www.ctlr-school.com)

<sup>20</sup> <http://sjschools.org/sjschools.org>

<sup>21</sup> [www.desotohunderbirds.com/](http://www.desotohunderbirds.com/)

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.stslr.org/>

<sup>23</sup> [www.avillachristian.org](http://www.avillachristian.org)

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.svdpschool.net/>

<sup>25</sup> [www.holysoulsschool.org](http://www.holysoulsschool.org)

<sup>26</sup> <http://stmichaelwm.org/#>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.agapeacademy.org/>

<sup>28</sup> [www.saintedwards.net](http://www.saintedwards.net)

<sup>29</sup> [www.icsnlr.org](http://www.icsnlr.org)

<sup>30</sup> [www.ihmnlr.org](http://www.ihmnlr.org)

<sup>31</sup> [www.ctlr.org](http://www.ctlr.org)

<sup>32</sup> [www.arkansaschristianacademy.org](http://www.arkansaschristianacademy.org)

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.swchristian.com/swca>

<sup>34</sup> [www.lrchs.org](http://www.lrchs.org)

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.conwaychristianschool.org>

<sup>36</sup> [www.ridgefieldchristian.org](http://www.ridgefieldchristian.org)

<sup>37</sup> [www.abundantlifeschool.org](http://www.abundantlifeschool.org)

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.shilohsaints.org/>

<sup>39</sup> [www.cacmustangs.org](http://www.cacmustangs.org)

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.trinitywarriors.org/>