Hello fellow parent,

The following is a list of education options N, NW, W, and SW of Houston (and online) of what I call "people doing school differently". While raising my children, I found it hard to know all the alternative forms of education that existed because only a small fraction of them show up on Internet and map searches. I continue to come across parents having the same experience, and recently I discovered a wonderful organization, VELA, that exists to support people redefining education. These innovative schools/programs also would like more people to know they exist. I am proud to say I am a member of VELA with my company Empowering Learners, and one of my goals is to help connect families with *VELA Founders, as well as other non-traditional programs.

This list is an on-going process. It is nowhere near being complete. The encouraging thing is I kept waiting to have a complete list before publishing, but I kept finding schools! That is good news for everyone looking for something different! One my website I will write the date of each time I update it, so check back often to learn of new education options.

Please join me as part of the process and email me with any nontraditional education programs/learning pods/schools that you know of that are not on this list, and I will add them. <u>info@empowering-learners.net</u>

Feel free to pass this list on to others.

Happy school hunting :-), April @ Empowering Learners <u>https://empowering-learners.net/</u>

Non Religious-Based School/Programs

Legacy Oaks https://legacyoaksacademy.com/ 4714 FM-1488, Unit 205, **Conroe 77384** M,Tu,W Middle School M,Tu,W,Th High school

MindSprout Montessori* https://www.mindsprout.me/ 200 Noble St., Ste 5, **Spring 77373 1-5 days ages 3-13

Continuum Learning Homeschool Hybrid https://www.continuumlearningschool.com/home **Spring** Tues, Wed, Thurs PK-5th grade

Apogee Tomball https://apogeetomball.com/home 21207 Hufsmith-Kohrville Rd, Ste B, **Tomball 77375** 1-5 day options ages 4-14

Great Oak School https://greatoakschool.org/ 715 Carrell Street, **Tomball 77375** 6 months-3yrs old for parent and child Preschool: 3, 4, or 5 half day/full day options K (ages 4 - 6½): 5 days a week half day/full day options grades 1-8: 5 days

CTL <u>https://www.centerforteachingandlearning.com/</u> 10431 Hufsmith Rd., **Tomball 77375** 5 days a week PK-12 Lone Star College-Tomball Homeschool Dual Credit "ONLY" (solely for Homeschool Students; students not mixed with college students) <u>https://www.lonestar.edu/TomballHomeSchool.htm</u> 30555 Tomball Pkwy, **Tomball 77375** M/W or T/TH High School

Our Creative: Homeschool Away From Home <u>https://www.ourcreative.org/</u> 14339 Torrey Chase Blvd. Unit E **Houston 77014** half day, full day, and drop in elm.-high school

*PEAK Academy https://www.peakacademytexas.com/ 10410 W Hidden Lake Ln, **Richmond 77406** 5 days K-8 currently and developing & enrolling for a high school program

*The Coolnerds https://www.facebook.com/thecoolnerdstribe **Richmond** Mon-Wed grades 9-12

Fusion Academy https://www.fusionacademy.com/about/customized-options-academicflexibility/ Galleria, Sugarland, Woodlands Middle-High School

Acton Leadership Academy- 3 locations, ea. 5 days/wk https://www.actonleaders.com/ Woodlands/Magnolia: 33227 Forest West St., **Magnolia 77354** Now serving ages: 5-18

Creekside/Tomball: 8202 Creekside Timbers Dr., **Tomball 77375** Now serving ages: 5-16

Klein/Champions: 4820 Strack Rd., **Houston 77069** Opening Fall 2025, ages 5-12

Religious-Based School/Programs:

True North

https://truenortheducation.weebly.com/classestuition.html 6265 Shadowbend PI, **The Woodlands 77381** Tuesday academic classes, Thursday enrichment classes grades 1-12

Legacy Prep https://legacypca.org/ 9768 Research Forest, **The Woodlands 77354** 2-3 days PK-12

Regina Caeli Academy https://www.rcahybrid.org/ 7202 Farm to Market 2920, **Spring 77379** on campus 2 days; at home learning 3 days PK-12th grade

Libertas Classical Academy <u>https://www.libertasclassical.org/</u> 8103 FM 1488, **Magnolia 77354** 3 days on campus, 2 at home scholastic days grades K-12

Extraordinary Education <u>https://www.extraordinaryeducation.org/</u> 9522 Carraway Lane | **Magnolia 77354** 1-5 days a week; Summer Camps K-12

New Hope Christian School http://new-hope-baptist.org/school/ 32103 Decker Prairie Rd., **Pinehurst 77362** PreK-12 *Faith of NW Houston* <u>https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/nwhouston/</u> 21022 Rosehill Church Rd., **Tomball 77377** Wednesdays K-12

Tomball Classes <u>http://www.tomballclasses.org/index.html</u> Tomball Bible Church, 400 N. Walnut, **Tomball** 1-2 days a week ? upper elm.-high school

Archway Christian Learning Center https://archwaychristianlearningcenter.org/ Tomball ? 5 days a week age 3-high school

Southwinds Christian Academy https://southwindsca.org/ 16811 FM 2920, **Tomball 77377** K4/K5 Tues, Wed, Thurs; grades 1-6 Mon-Thurs K4-6th grade

Step By Step Christian School https://www.stepbystepchristianschool.org/ 1119 South Cherry Street **Tomball 77375** 5 days a week infant-8th grade

*Heart of Christ Academy https://heartofchristacademy.org/ Faith Chapel Cypress, 14207 Telge Rd, **Cypress 77429** Tue, Wed, Thurs on campus, 2 at home school days PK-8

Texas Freedom Academy <u>https://www.texasfreedomacademy.us/</u> 13000 block of Cypress N Houston Road **Cypress 77429** Mon.-Thurs. K-12 *The Book Hooks Schoolhouse https://bookhooklearning.com/ 10609 Grant Rd., Bldg G, **Houston 77070** grades 2-5 M&W, 6-9 T&TH grades 2-9

Heritage Preparatory School https://heritageprephtx.com/ 2922 Cutten Rd, **Houston 77066** 5 days Pre-K - 8th grade

S.H.I.E.L.D. <u>https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/shield/</u> 7710 Cherry Park Dr STE T, #213 **Houston 77095** Friday enrichment classes; also offer a separate social membership of activities for kids and moms Nursery - 12th grade

Texas Christian School—has a University Style Schooling option https://texaschristianschool.org/university-style-schooling/ 17810 Kieth Harrow Blvd., **Houston 77084** M, W, F grades 1-12

Bluebonnet Home Scholars Collaborative https://www.bluebonnetscholars.org/ St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd., **Sugar Land 77498** Tue, Thurs, and Fridays K-12

Second Baptist School (6 locations offering 2-5 days) <u>https://www.sbsum-cypress.org/</u> 29900 Hwy 290, **Cypress 77433 (and 5 other locations across Houston)** M/W or T/TH PK-12 PREP Classes https://prepclasses.org/ Cypress: 11711 Cypress N. Houston Katy: 1351 S. Mason Road Elementary-High School

Classical Conversations https://classicalconversations.com/ several locations ages 4-12

Online Schooling:

Clonara (offer optional accredited courses) <u>https://clonlara.org/our-programs/</u>

"Off-Campus Program": they help you make whatever courses you want your children to take fit into a transcript and be accredited if you want; even retroactively apply to courses finished

"Online Courses" : they offer unique courses

Outschool <u>https://outschool.com/?</u> <u>srsltid=AfmBOooT0VC8wqW84bcG0Anx6_1GRfYioo61-4ajPHtUu7QE09iFj</u> <u>ZuJ</u>

Fusion Academy—offers an online hybrid and online only options <u>https://www.fusionacademy.com/about/customized-options-academic-flexibility/</u> Galleria, Sugarland, Woodlands

PennFoster https://www.pennfoster.edu/high-school/diploma high school

KeyStone <u>https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com/</u> K-12

ABEKA https://www.abeka.com/Homeschool/Products/AbekaAcademy/ K4-12

Liberty <u>https://www.liberty.edu/lp/online-academy/why-luoa/</u> K-12

BYU-Dual Credit (high school and college credit earned same time) and you do not have to be enrolled in the college <u>https://is.byu.edu/university</u> High School

School/Programs Specifically for Neurodivergent Students:

*Paradigm Development Center https://paradigmdevelopmentcenter.com/index.html 14420 Sylvanfield Drive Suite 140, Houston 77014 5 days ages 8-22

*Practical Education and Knowledge LLC https://www.practicaled.org/ 4701 FM 2920 Ste. C5, Spring 77388 3 or 5 days K-12

Gateway Academy https://www.thegatewayacademy.org/ Gateway Academy-Young Adult Program https://advancehouston.org/ 3721 Dacoma St., Houston 77092

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Though the original intent of this list was for schools/programs, along the way I found other helpful resources I decided to include:

Lists of Resources:

Lists of Unconventional Schooling Options: <u>https://greaterhoustonmoms.com/nine-unconventional-schools-houston/</u>

Lists of Homeschool Options: <u>https://texashomeeducators.org/resource-directory/</u>

https://www.joyandvalorlife.com/homeschool-groups-in-the-houston-area/ homeschool-groups-in-the-houston-area

List of Homeschool Electives/Enrichment/Sports/Arts: <u>http://www.tomballclasses.org/Resources.html</u>

Homeschool Organizations:

G-HAH: Greater Houston Area Home Educators

https://texashomeeducators.org

Homeschool Social Activity Groups:

S.H.I.E.L.D. <u>https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/shield/</u> 7710 Cherry Park Dr,STE T, #213, Houston 77095 social activities for kids and moms (also have separate Fri. enrichment classes) Nursery - 12th grade

Summer Camps for 2025:

Extraordinary Education <u>https://www.extraordinaryeducation.org/summer-camps-2025</u> 9522 Carraway Lane | Magnolia 77354

**MindSprout Montessori* https://www.mindsprout.me/summercamp 200 Noble St., Ste 5 | SPRING 77373 ages 3-12

**Practical Education and Knowledge LLC* (unsure if only for neurodivergent students or not) <u>https://www.practicaled.org/special-events-camps</u> 4701 FM 2920 Ste. C5, Spring 77388

**Paradigm Development Center* (for neurodivergent students) <u>https://paradigmdevelopmentcenter.com/events.html</u> 14420 Sylvanfield Drive Suite 140, Houston 77014 ages 11-17, 18+