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 who are not VELA members).

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 keep finding schools! That is good news for everyone looking for something different.

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

Feel free to pass this list on to others.

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

Non Religious-Based School/Programs

*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

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
https://www.centerforteachingandlearning.com/
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) https://www.lonestar.edu/TomballHomeSchool.htm
30555 Tomball Pkwy, **Tomball 77375**M/W or T/TH
High School

Our Creative: Homeschool Away From Home

https://www.ourcreative.org/

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-academic-flexibility/

Galleria, Sugarland, Woodlands

Middle-High School

Acton Leadership Academy

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

5 days

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

Extraordinary Education
https://www.extraordinaryeducation.org/
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
https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/nwhouston/
21022 Rosehill Church Rd., **Tomball 77377**Wednesdays
K-12

Tomball Classes
http://www.tomballclasses.org/index.html
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

https://www.texasfreedomacademy.us/

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

S.H.I.E.L.D.

https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/shield/ 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)
https://www.sbsum-cypress.org/
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)

https://clonlara.org/our-programs/

"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

https://outschool.com/?

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Fusion Academy—offers an online hybrid and online only options https://www.fusionacademy.com/about/customized-options-academic-flexibility/

Galleria, Sugarland, Woodlands

PennFoster

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

KeyStone

https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com/

K-12

ABEKA

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

Liberty

https://www.liberty.edu/lp/online-academy/why-luoa/

K-12

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

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: https://greaterhoustonmoms.com/nine-unconventional-schools-houston/
Lists of Homeschool Options: https://texashomeeducators.org/resource-directory/
https://www.joyandvalorlife.com/homeschool-groups-in-the-houston-area/homeschool-groups-in-the-houston-area
List of Homeschool Electives/Enrichment/Sports/Arts: http://www.tomballclasses.org/Resources.html

Homeschool Organizations:

G-HAH: Greater Houston Area Home Educators

https://texashomeeducators.org

Homeschool Social Activity Groups:

S.H.I.E.L.D.

https://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/shield/ 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
https://www.extraordinaryeducation.org/summer-camps-2025
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)

https://www.practicaled.org/special-events-camps 4701 FM 2920 Ste. C5, Spring 77388

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