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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

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	Phone	Ages/Grades Served	Costs	Onsite at Schools	Languages
1	713-696-8218 713-242-8036 713-339-9411	Ages 5-17 and Adults ages 18-22	Free	No	English, Spanish
2	713-696-8218 713-696-2160 713-696-2195	Grades 6-12	Free	No	English, Spanish
3	No longer in service				
4	713-669-0799	Grades 6-12	Free	No	English, Spanish
5	713-523-3633	Ages 1½-6	Costs vary	No	English, Spanish
6	713-479-0800	Grades PK-12	Costs vary	No	English
7	713-783-7200	Grades K-12	Costs vary	No	English
8	432-836-1516 877-822-0050	Ages 16-18	Free	No	English
9	512-463-9575	Grades PK-12	Free	No	English
10	512-206-9251	Ages 6-17 and Adults ages 18-21	Free	No	English, Spanish
11	281-493-1070	Grades K-12	Costs vary	No	English
12	713-838-9050 Ext. 362	Ages 0-17 and Adults ages 18-21	Costs vary	No	English
13	713-526-2046	Grades PK-8	Costs vary	No	English
14	713-973-1900	Ages 2-15	Costs vary	No	English

Harris County Department of Education – Academic and Behavior Schools

Area Served: Harris County

Location	Address	Phone	Fax	Contacts	Bus Routes
Office	6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, TX 77022	713-696-8218	Not available	Dr. Anthony Mays, Senior Director	79
Academic and Behavior School East	7703 South Loop East, Houston, TX 77012	713-242-8036	713-645-5773	Donna Trevino, Principal	76
Academic and Behavior School West	7800 Westglen Drive, Houston, TX 77063	713-339-9411	713-978-7662	Victor Keys, Principal	47, 151

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Email: • Academic and Behavior School West: ykeys@hcde-texas.org.

Website: <http://www.hcde-texas.org/who-we-are/divisions-and-leadership/schools>

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 5-17 and adults ages 18-22

Eligibility: Students at the Academic and Behavior Schools have severe behavioral, emotional, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No. • Academic and Behavior Schools are alternative school programs.

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Operates two Academic and Behavior Schools, which are alternative schools that provide academic and behavioral services for special education students. • Also operates two Highpoint Schools, which are alternative education programs that serve expelled and adjudicated youth.

Harris County Department of Education – Highpoint Schools

Area Served: Harris County

Location	Address	Phone	Fax	Contacts	Bus Routes
Office	6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, TX 77022	713-696-8218	Not available	Dr. Anthony Mays, Senior Director	79
Highpoint School-East	8003 East Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston, TX 77049	713-696-2160	713-696-2161	Marion Keith Cooksey, Principal	Not available

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Email: [Highpoint School-East: mcooksey@hcde-texas.org](mailto:mcooksey@hcde-texas.org).

Website: <http://www.hcde-texas.org/who-we-are/divisions-and-leadership/schools>

Ages/Grades Served: Grades 6-12

Eligibility: Students at Highpoint Schools have been expelled and adjudicated.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No. • Highpoint Schools are alternative school programs.

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Operates two Highpoint Schools, which are alternative education programs that serve expelled and adjudicated youth. • Also operates two Academic and Behavior Schools, which are alternative schools that provide academic and behavioral services for special education students.

Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program

Address: 2525 Murworth Drive, Houston, TX 77054

Area Served: Harris County

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Contact: Sherida Barnes, Principal

Phone: 713-669-0799

Fax: 713-669-0788

Email: Sherida.Barnes@hcjpd.hctx.net

Website: <https://hcjpd-edu.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Local Bus Routes: 41, 84

Ages/Grades Served: Grades 6-12 (ages 10-17)

Eligibility: Must be an adjudicated juvenile placed in detention for a misdemeanor or a felony offense.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Serves all juveniles placed by the courts in detention and residential facilities for criminal activity or serious misconduct while at school. • Focuses on student progress throughout the core academic curriculum, remediation for state academic assessments, vocational education, and life skills.

Melinda Webb School

Address: 3636 West Dallas Street, Houston, TX 77019

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: School: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3pm. • Extended care: 7am-8:30am and 3pm-6pm.

Contact: Diane Tucker, Director of Administration

Phone: 713-523-3633

Fax: 713-523-8399

Email: Not available

Website: <http://www.centerhearingandspeech.org>

Local Bus Routes: 27

Ages/Grades Served: School: Ages 1½-6. • Programs: Ages 0-18.

Eligibility: Must meet age requirements. • Must have hearing loss.

Costs: Costs vary. • Charges fees on a sliding scale based on income. • Charges tuition of up to \$12,950 per year. • Accepts Medicaid, private insurance plans, or self-pay. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Teaches listening, speaking, and literacy skills to children with hearing loss. • Operates an audiology clinic, a speech-language pathology clinic, and a school.

Monarch School

Address: 2815 Rosefield Drive, Houston, TX 77080

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Novice and Apprentice Levels: Monday, 8:30am-12:15pm, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm. • Challenger and Voyager Levels: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30am-3:15pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30pm-4:15pm.

Contacts: Patti Pace, Head of School

Phone: 713-479-0800

Fax: 713-933-0567

Email: ppace@monarchschool.org

Website: <http://www.monarchschool.org/school/overview>

Local Bus Routes: 36, 46, 58

Ages/Grades Served: Grades PK-12

Eligibility: Must be a school-aged child with neurological differences.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$16,100-\$47,500 per year. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • Monarch School is an alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Applies a learner-centered approach to providing an innovative, therapeutic education for persons with neurological differences. • Helps persons who may have anxiety disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, mood disorders, pervasive developmental disorders, seizure disorders, Tourette syndrome, or traumatic brain injury.

River Oaks Academy

Address: 10600 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77042

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. • School: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3pm.

Contact: Luis Valdes, Program Director

Phone: 713-783-7200

Fax: 713-783-7286

Email: roainfo@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.riveroaksacademy.com>

Local Bus Routes: 25, 161

Ages/Grades Served: Grades K-12

Eligibility: A three-step intake assessment evaluates student needs and matches them against available services. • Parents, school counselors, psychiatrists, mental health workers, and community service providers refer students to the Academy throughout the year.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition charges vary with the needs of the student. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Academy is an alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Helps students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, behavioral and emotional issues, learning differences, learning disabilities, social skills needs, and unique learning styles. • Offers academic support, credit recovery, individualized educational programs, integrated services, and consultation, evaluation, and treatment services.

Texas Challenge Academy

Address: 100 School House Road, Sheffield, TX 79781

Area Served: Texas

Days/Hours: Academics: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. • Student Supervision: Monday-Sunday, 24 hours/day.

Contact: Michael Weir, Program Director

Phone: 432-836-1516 or 877-822-0050

Fax: Not available

Email: michael.weir@isisd.net

Website: <https://tmd.texas.gov/texas-challenge-academy>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 16-18

Eligibility: Must live in Texas. • Requires an application and a personal interview of the student and his/her parents or guardians; also requires a one-day orientation session. • Requires participation in a 12-month post-residential phase after completing a 22-week course.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Academy is a residential alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Affiliated with the Texas National Guard, the Academy is a voluntary 22-week residential program for teenagers who are at risk of dropping out or who have already dropped out of high school. • A highly structured, quasi-military format emphasizes personal responsibility, positive motivation, and self-discipline. • Program activities include citizenship, community service, leadership, life-coping and job skills, and physical fitness.

Texas Education Agency – Charter School Administration

Address: 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701

Area Served: Texas

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Contact: Heather Mauze, Director

Phone: 512-463-9575

Fax: 512-463-9732

Email: CharterSchools@tea.texas.gov

Website: http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Charter_Schools

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Grades PK-12

Eligibility: State charter schools' resources are available to the general public.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English

Direct Services: Regulates and provides information about open-enrollment charter schools and other types of charter schools in Texas.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Address: 1110 West 45th Street, Austin, TX 78756

Area Served: Texas

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. • School: Monday-Friday, 7:50am-3:50pm.

Contact: Miles Fain, Principal, or Sara Merritt, Summer Programs Manager

Phone: Office: 512-454-8631. • Principal: 512-206-9251.

Fax: 512-206-9453

Email: General questions: MilesFain@tsbvi.edu. • Summer Programs: merritts@tsbvi.edu.

Website: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/comprehensive-programs>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 6-17 and adults ages 18-21

Eligibility: Must be a blind or visually impaired student. • Must live in Texas. • Requires an application for admission and registration for school and for summer programs. • Parents must provide transportation to summer programs.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Provides specialized instruction to prepare students for high school graduation, return to their local school districts, or transition to further education, training, or placement in local communities. • Offers four-day to five-week summer programs.

The Briarwood School

Address: 12207 Whittington Drive, Houston, TX 77077

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Lower School: Monday-Tuesday, 7:55am-3pm. Wednesday, 7:55am-12pm, Thursday-Friday, 7:55am-3pm. • Middle/Upper School: Monday-Tuesday, 7:30am-3pm. Wednesday, 7:30am-12pm, Thursday-Friday, 7:30am-3pm.

Contact: Vivian Shudde, Executive Director

Phone: 281-493-1070

Fax: 281-493-1343

Email: vshudde@briarwoodschool.org

Website: <http://briarwoodschool.org>

Local Bus Routes: 152, 153

Ages/Grades Served: Grades K-6 (ages 5-13) and Grades 7-12 (ages 13-21)

Eligibility: Must meet age requirements.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition and fees at the Lower School are \$20,467 per year. • Tuition and fees at the Middle/Upper School are \$21,500 per year. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Briarwood School is a private school for children with learning differences and intellectual disabilities.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Teaches students diagnosed with learning differences or intellectual disabilities such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyscalculia, dysgraphia, dyslexia, non-verbal learning disorders, speech/language disorders, or written and expressive language disorders.

The Caroline School

Address: 4500 Bissonnet Street, Suite 340, Bellaire, TX 77401

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: School: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. • Before-Care: Monday-Friday, 8am-9am. • After-Care: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-5pm.

Contact: Tabitha Hernandez, Educational Director

Phone: 713-838-9050, Ext. 362

Fax: 713-838-9098

Email: thernandez@eastersealshouston.org

Website: <http://www.eastersealshouston.org/Programs/the-caroline-school.html>

Local Bus Routes: 33, 65

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 0-17 and adults ages 18-21

Eligibility: No area restrictions.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$900-\$2,500 per month and is based on a sliding scale. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Caroline School is a private school for children with developmental delays.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Offers services to meet the academic, physical, and social needs of children with developmental delays and their families. • Offers physical, occupational, and speech therapy in conjunction with academic programs.

The Harris School

Address: 6210 Rookin Street, Houston, TX 77074

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: M-F 8:30-3:30

Contact: Susan Spencer, Director

Phone: 713-526-2046

Fax: 713-526-9126

Email: info@theharrisschool.org

Website: <http://www.theharrisschool.com>

Local Bus Routes: 9, 47, 402

Ages/Grades Served: PreK-6th grade

Eligibility: Requires completion of an intake form and an application, as well as a campus tour.

Costs: \$34,425 annually.

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Harris School is a private school for children with cognitive, social-emotional, and developmental challenges.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Therapeutic services including parent work & group therapy, day school in a therapeutic environment

The Westview School

Address: 1900 Kersten Drive, Houston, TX 77043

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Early Childhood Programs: Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm and 12:45pm-3:45pm. • Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm. • Elementary School: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. • Middle School: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm. • Extended Care: 8am-9am and 12pm-5pm.

Contact: Betty Mattis, Admissions Director

Phone: 713-973-1900

Fax: Not available

Email: bmattis@westviewschool.org

Website: <http://www.westviewschool.org>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 2-15

Eligibility: Must meet age requirements. • Must have autism spectrum disorder.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$18,750-26,750 per year. • Offers financial assistance based on need and an online application form. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Westview School is a private school for high-functioning children with autism spectrum disorder.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Provides assessment and treatment of neurodevelopmental disorders, educational assessments, speech and language assessments, and developmental, neuropsychological, and psychological evaluations. • Also provides coaching, group therapy, individual therapy, and occupational therapy.