MIDDLE CLASS VALUE: PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION &
THE ARKANSAS FOUNDATION GRANT

(March 2019) Critics argue school choice benefits only the wealthy¹ but records show most² Arkansas private schools serve the middle-class, charging annual tuition rates less than the $6,781 state K-12 student foundation grant.³

<table>
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<tr>
<th>School Name</th>
<th>Tuition Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fayetteville Christian School</td>
<td>$2,375⁴</td>
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<td>First Baptist Christian School (Rogers)</td>
<td>$2,500-$4,800⁵</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Little Rock Catholic Academy</td>
<td>$2,750-$3,000⁶</td>
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<td>Miss Selma's School (Little Rock)</td>
<td>$2,820-$4,465⁷</td>
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<td>St. Paul Catholic School (Pocahontas)</td>
<td>$2,920-$3,800⁸</td>
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<td>St. John Catholic School (Russellville)</td>
<td>$2,940-$4,116⁹</td>
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<td>St. Joseph Catholic School (Paris)</td>
<td>$2,956-$3,576¹⁰</td>
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<td>Sacred Heart Catholic School (Morrilton)</td>
<td>$3,150-$3,600¹¹</td>
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<td>West Side Christian (El Dorado)</td>
<td>$3,450-$4,779¹²</td>
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<td>Columbia Christian School (Magnolia)</td>
<td>$3,600¹³</td>
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<td>St. Boniface Catholic (Fort Smith)</td>
<td>$3,610-$4,900¹⁴</td>
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<td>St. Joseph School (Conway)</td>
<td>$3,800-$5,350¹⁵</td>
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<td>Immaculate Conception (Fort Smith)</td>
<td>$3,810-$6,690¹⁶</td>
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<td>Providence Christian Academy (Rogers)</td>
<td>$3,847-$5,363¹⁷</td>
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<td>$3,965-$4,635¹⁸</td>
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<td>Blessed Sacrament (Jonesboro)</td>
<td>$4,000-$5,850¹⁹</td>
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<td>Christ the King (Fort Smith)</td>
<td>$4,010-$6,580²⁰</td>
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<td>DeSoto School (West Helena)</td>
<td>$3,890-$4,540²¹</td>
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<td>St. Theresa Catholic School (Little Rock)</td>
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<td>Avilla Christian Academy (Alexander)</td>
<td>$4,100-$4,600²³</td>
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<td>St. Vincent de Paul School (Rogers)</td>
<td>$4,110-$5,823²⁴</td>
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¹ Arkansas House of Representatives, floor debate on HB 1122, March 7, 2018
² The Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association lists 67 accredited and associated schools on its website. Forty-one (41) charge annual tuition rates less than the foundation grant.
⁴ https://www.fayettevillechristianschool.com/
⁵ https://www.fbsnwa.org/admissions/tuition/
⁷ http://www.misselmasschool.com/admissions.html#tuition
⁸ https://www.stpaulsabers.com/tuition-and-other-fees.html
⁹ http://www.stjohnscatholic.com/admissions.html, 2016-17
¹⁰ https://www.saintjosephschoolar.org/school-forms
¹¹ http://www.sacredheartmorrilton.org/Admissions/ProspectiveStudents/TuitionandFees.aspx
¹² https://www.westsidetchristianschool.org/faq
¹³ http://www.ccsccrusaders.com/#three
¹⁴ http://www.stbonifaceschoolorg/tuition-and-rates-for-pre-k---k-6
¹⁵ http://www.stJosephconway.org/
¹⁶ http://icschoolsf.org/
¹⁷ http://www.providence-academy.com/admissions/tuition-and-fees/
¹⁸ http://sjshs.org/admissions/tuition-fees/
¹⁹ http://catholicjonesboroschool.com/tuition-rates-fees/
²⁰ https://ctkparish.hs.com/school-forms/
²¹ https://www.desotothunderbirds.com/admissions
²² http://stslr.org/tuition---financial-aid.html
²³ https://www.avillachristian.org/admissions
²⁴ http://www.svdpSchool.net/Admissions/tuition-and-fees
Crowley’s Ridge Academy (Paragould) $4,135-$5,595
St. Michael’s Catholic School (West Memphis) $4,150-$4,750
Community Christian (Russellville) $4,160
St. Edward Catholic School (Little Rock) $4,356-$5,889
Immaculate Conception (North Little Rock) $4,395-$6,884
Our Lady of the Holy Souls (Little Rock) $4,463-$6,611
Christ the King School (Little Rock) $4,560-$5,470
Agape Academy (Little Rock) $4,600-$5,100
Immaculate Heart of Mary (North Little Rock) $4,675-$5,450
Arkansas Christian Academy (Bryant) $4,500-$4,800
Southwest Christian Academy (Little Rock) $4,500-$4,800
Catholic High (Little Rock) $5,000-$6,000
Abundant Life (Sherwood) $4,900-$6,200
Ridgefield Christian School (Jonesboro) $5,385-$6,060
Trinity Christian School (Texarkana) $5,280-$6,780
Concordia Christian Academy (Jonesboro) $5,700
Life Way Christian (Centerton) $5,880-$6,500
First Lutheran (Fort Smith) $5,950
Christ Lutheran (Little Rock) $6,475
Our Lady of Fatima School (Benton) Undisclosed

--Greg Kaza

25 https://www.crafalcons.org/tuition-and-fees/
26 http://stmichaelwm.org/# , 2016-17
27 http://www.ccsriverhawks.com/tuition-and-fees.html
28 http://saintedwards.net/school/tuition-rates-fees/
29 www.icsnlr.org
30 www.holysoullkschool.org
31 www.ctklr.org
32 https://www.agapeacademy.org/admissions/ tuition-fees/
33 www.ihmnlr.org
34 www.arkansaschristianacademy.org
35 http://www.swchristian.com/swca
36 https://www.lrchs.org/admissions/tuition-and-fees/
37 https://alca-owls.com/
38 http://www.ridgefieldchristian.org/admissions.html
39 https://www.trinitycatholicjh.org/
40 https://www.concordiachristianacademy.com/enrollment.html
42 http://1stlutheran.com/school/
43 https://www.clslr.org/admissions
44 "(We) work with our families individually to work with tuition costs." http://ourladyoffatimaschool.com/