Honor Roll

With the school season upon us, you may be considering a new place to enroll your talented little one that will cultivate her knowledge even more, so check out our list of some of the highest-performing private and charter schools in the country.

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TRINITY SCHOOL New York, NY
(grades K–12)
trinityschoolnyc.org
A college preparatory, coeducational, independent day school. The faculty members have more than 20 doctorates and 96 master's degrees from colleges and universities around the world. Celebrates its 300th anniversary this year.

HORACE MANN SCHOOL New York, NY
(grades K–12)
horacemann.org
One of the largest independent day schools in the U.S. Students, in various grades, study an array of subjects and topics. For example, kindergarten children are introduced to the logic and strategy of chess, while ninth graders perform Shakespeare in the original and modernized forms.

TREY WHITFIELD SCHOOL Brooklyn, NY
(grades preschool–7)
treywhitfieldschool.org
Its mission is to equip its students for life by providing an affordable, high-quality education that also nurtures the development of faith and character. In seventh grade, for instance, students study algebra, which is a full year to three years earlier than public school students.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY ANDOVER Andover, Mass.
(grades 9–12)
andover.edu
Has a roster of 300 courses, more than 150 electives, opportunities for pursuing independent study and study abroad projects are aplenty. About 40 percent of the student body is black. The teacher–student ratio is five to one. Over the past four years, students have matriculated to various institutions, including Harvard and Yale.

ANCONA SCHOOL Chicago, Ill.
(grades preschool–8)
anconaschool.org
Educates students to become creative problem solvers, confident risk takers and independent lifelong learners. Rooted in the Montessori tradition, this child-centered school builds a strong academic foundation. In 2006, Chicago Magazine named Ancona one of the 25 best private elementary schools in the Chicago metropolitan area.

THE WINSOR SCHOOL Boston, Mass.
(grades 5–12)
winсор.edu
Is an independent day school for academically promising and motivated girls. The school enrolls approximately 430 students from diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds and maintains an average class size of 13 students.

NOBLE AND GREENEBOUGH SCHOOL Dedham, Mass.
(grades 7–12)
nobles.edu
Nearly 200 students, which is 36 percent of the student body, partake in educational travel opportunities during the course of a typical school year, including Greece, South Africa and Israel.

HOPKINS SCHOOL New Haven, Conn.
(grades 7–12)
hopkins.edu
Is a traditional, independent, coeducational day school. The meaning of diversity has changed throughout the course of Hopkins’ history and guides the school in its need for an ever more talented and diverse community of learners. Is the third oldest independent school in the country.

EDMUND BURKE SCHOOL Washington, D.C.
(grades 6–12)
eburke.org
This is a small, urban and diverse school for 300 students. Offers a challenging and engaging academic program and exceptional arts programs, integrates service learning into all classrooms and supports and advances students’ growth as skilled and independent thinkers.

SOUTHWEST ATLANTA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Atlanta, Ga.
(grades preschool–12)
sacanet.com
With Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard as an alumnus, it has gained national recognition. Not to mention, it also happens to have been designated as the first African-American school to operate in a totally digital learning environment, so traditional textbooks are no longer used. There are two technology tools from the Apple MacBook/ iPod Program for each student to use to learn.

DEERFIELD ACADEMY Deerfield, Mass.
deerfieldedu.
(grades K–12)

NEW HOPE ACADEMY Franklin, Tenn.
(grades K–6)
newhopeacademy.org

EDDIE WHITE ACADEMY (grades K–8)
Hampton, Ga.
clayton2white-schooldesk.net

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL Oakland, Calif.
(grades 9–12)
college-prep.org

CHARTER SCHOOLS

URBAN PREP ACADEMY Chicago, Ill.
(grades 9–12)
urbanprep.org

As part of our Top 20 private and charter schools, we've listed more choices here.

HIGH HORIZONS MAGNET SCHOOL
(grades K–8)
Bridgeport, Conn.
ct.schoolwebpages.com

E.L. HAYNES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
(grades K–12)
Washington, D.C.
elhaynes.org

PAXON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
(grades 9–12)
Jacksonville, Fla.
davalschools.org/psas

TALENTED AND GIFTED
(grades 9–12)
Dallas, Texas
teacherweb.com.tx/tagmagnet/main

*Information for all of these schools was compiled from the schools’ websites.