



HOW DO WNY FAMILIES CHOOSE THE RIGHT SCHOOL?

Parents expect a lot from their child's educational experience.
They find it in Western New York private schools.



Academic Excellence

One of the top priorities of parents who consider private schools is their expectation of **academic excellence**.

In fact, **93.7%** of parents who responded to a 2018 survey conducted by the Education Collaborative of Western New York reported that academic rigor was very important or extremely important.

Why? *Parents examine factors such as test scores, college placement rates, class sizes, and enrichment activities and opportunities to evaluate schools academically – all areas where private schools excel.*

97.22% *reported they are satisfied with the curriculum and course work from private schools.*

By setting higher standards, providing more structure, and creating loftier expectations, private schools prepare your children to reach their full academic potential.



“Academically, I believe my children are at an advantage over students at our local public school. The high expectations pushed them to do better.”

– EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARENT



Supportive Community

Activities, schedules and class sizes are intentionally structured to provide opportunities for mentorship that ultimately lead to **better academic outcomes**.

Western New York private schools foster a community where students are seen, heard and given ample opportunities to be active participants.

By understanding who your child is, including their strengths and weaknesses, EdCo schools are able to guide them toward a successful high school journey and path to college.

*Teachers can easily notice when a child is struggling or when they need additional challenges. With a focus on **more 1:1 attention** for students in private schools than public schools, parents report a 99.2% satisfaction rate with the student-to-teacher ratio.*

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“My sons learn at a faster than average pace. They grew frustrated and unhappy in their public school. Once we made the switch to private school and they were more challenged academically, they thrived.”

- EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARENT



Values

Most Western New York parents consider it essential that their children attend schools that have **strong core values**.

In fact, **83.6%** of parents from our survey consider values/mission as very to extremely important when choosing a school.

Private schools regard morals, community, faith and social justice as priorities alongside academic excellence. Parents recognize that on weekdays, children typically spend more time at school than at home and want their school experience to be an extension of their home life, thus reinforcing the growth of their child's moral character.

Family and community-focused core values help children to become more well-rounded and provide essential skills needed to prosper in life.



"I want my child in a friendly, welcoming environment with strong faith and values. I want him to feel like school is his second home."

- EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARENT

"My family values the structure and religious environment at a private school. The staff and administration go the extra mile to model values centered on creating respectful young men."

- EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARENT



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The schools of the Education Collaborative of Western New York provide equitable and inclusive spaces that offer opportunities for every student to thrive socially and academically.

With the **support of The John R. Oishei Foundation**, we seek to disrupt any inequities that keep students from being able to be a part of our schools, especially those students who have historically been underrepresented and underserved by our larger educational systems. We recognize that diversity strengthens our community and enhances skills needed for learning such as problem-solving, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Our Long-Term Goals

Develop equitable and inclusive environments that allow all students every opportunity to thrive both socially and academically.

Provide opportunities for adults (faculty, administrators, staff and directors) to learn more about diversity, equity and inclusivity, and to allow for collaboration and continued growth as individuals and professionals.

Provide opportunities for students that allow them to grow socially and academically, while also empowering them to become leaders of equity and inclusion in our diverse institutions and in the broader community.



"I need to have high expectations for all students and help all students achieve these expectations."

- EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER



Lifelong Opportunity

A key differentiator for private schools over public schools is their **core mission** of providing the academic, social and life skills students need to become successful, driven professionals who will excel in college and become leaders in the community.

85.64% of respondents reported that college acceptance rate was very/extremely important.

Private schools can give students an advantage in college acceptance. Private school students have better access to advanced placement courses and receive counseling on what colleges look for and how to make themselves attractive to their dream schools.

In addition, lifelong friendships that begin in private schools become professional networks that can open doors for them in their post-college career life.

Parents of WNY private schools report overall satisfaction rates of **98%**, which far outpaces the national average of 56% satisfaction with assigned public district schools.

Ten WNY private schools reported total scholarship **\$151,588,036** for 2019 graduating seniors in the amount of



"Private school provides more structure, service learning, and relational opportunities than public. It teaches them more than just the core subject areas and prepares them more fully for life in college and beyond."

- EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE PARENT



About the Education Collaborative

The Education Collaborative of Western New York (EdCo) is a unique consortium of fourteen private high schools in Erie County, New York.

WNY EdCo schools are dedicated to the growth of each student and believe that strong schools in Western New York communities strengthen the entire region.

***Our mission:** Education Collaborative of Western New York, to better prepare our students for the future, provides its unique member schools with opportunities for collaboration, a forum for sharing ideas, and a structure for advocating the values of private education. Member schools offer quality education to area students and provide excellent choices to families seeking a private school experience.*

EdCo schools have high expectations of their students and maintain top school rankings. Students are provided with the academic, social and moral guidance they need to prepare them for a lifetime of success.



“Private education has much more flexibility than the public school environment. While public schools are focused on core curriculum and standardized testing, private schools have the freedom to apply new teaching methodologies and foster a creative and open-minded environment.”

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Do you have questions about how to choose the best educational opportunities for your family?



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