

# Education and Enrichment Guide

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### Forest Hills Presbyterian Preschool

**Grade Levels:** Preschool (ages 3-5 yrs)

**Open House Date:** Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
7495 Cascade Road

(616) 957-3239 • www.fhpcusa.org

**Contact:** preschool@fhpcusa.org

**Description:** FHPP is a Nationally Accredited (NAEYC) preschool program serving children ages 3-5 years. Our developmental curriculum provides children with a play based, child centered learning experience while focusing on pre-academic learning skills, all in a Christian based environment.

### Franciscan Life Process Center

**Grade Levels:** Preschool (ages 3-5 yrs)

11650 Downes Street NE, Lowell

(616) 897-7842 • www.lifeprocesscenter.org

**Contact:** Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, Director

**Description:** Open to children ages 3 to 5 years old, this preschool program provides educational experiences in an interactive setting. Your child will experience nature, music and the arts. School is conducted in a wide scope of settings, including farm life, wooded trails, an art studio, outdoor gardens and cooking facilities, kindling the creative spirits instilled within and creating a respect for life.

### Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools (Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools)

**Grade Levels:** 9-12

P.O. Box 327, Grand Rapids

616-233-5800 • www.grcss.org

www.grcatholiccentral.com • www.grwestcatholic.org

**Open House Date:** Parent Information Nights

CCHS: Jan 16 and Feb 12 at 7 pm in Cafeteria

WCHS: Jan 9 and Feb 7 at 7 pm in Library

**Contact:** Nancy Beadling at nancybeadling@grcss.org

**Description:** Catholic Secondary Schools, Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools, have a long tradition of excellence in faith-based college prep education. We offer our students more than just a core curriculum; we strive to educate the "whole person" by addressing the spiritual, physical, social and emotional growth of each student through top-notch faith-based instruction. Our high schools were recently named among the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in America

### Grand Rapids Christian Schools

**Grade Levels:** Preschool - 12th

**Open House Date:** Call or email for dates & times

1812 Sylvan Ave SE, Grand Rapids

Various school locations

(616) 574-6370 • www.grcs.org

**Contact:** Eric Burgess at eburgess@grcs.org

**Description:** Grand Rapids Christian Schools exist to prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society. From preschool-12th grade, we provide students with a rigorous academic environment meant to encourage intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth. We set high expectations for students and challenge them to develop their God-given talents in order to lead successful lives of Kingdom service.

### Grand Rapids Area Lutheran Schools

**Grade Levels:** Pre-K – 12th

Various locations (see ad on Page 19 for information, websites and locations)

**Contact:** Joel Bahr at jbahr@smls.net

**Description:** Grand Rapids area parents have discovered that Lutheran Schools provide their children with an excellent Christian education that delivers an eternity of benefits. Lutheran Schools are great places to grow. Grand Rapids Area Lutheran Schools are a part of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod school system which has a long history of educational excellence. See Page 19 to find a school location in your area.

### North Hills Classical Academy

**Grade Levels:** K – 12

**Open House Dates:** Tuesday, March 4th – 7:00 pm; Tuesday, April 1st – 7:00 pm; Monday, May 12th – 7:00 pm

2777 Knapp NE

(616) 365-0525 • www.ClassicalEd.org

**Contact:** Elizabeth Black at elizabethblack@classicaled.org  
**Description:** North Hills Classical Academy is a K-12 Christian school where students discover the joy of learning. Are your children capable of doing more than the requirements of their current school? At North Hills, challenging academic standards are set for students, giving them the opportunity to reach their full potential. Visit ClassicalEd.org to learn the benefits of classical education. Scholarships are available!

### NorthPointe Christian Schools

**Grade Levels:** Preschool – 12

**Open House Dates:** Tuesday, January 15th, Middle/High Campus at 7:15 – 8:30 pm; Elementary Campus at 6:30 – 7:45 pm

3101 Leonard NE – Middle/High

540 Ruswood NE – Elementary

(616) 942-0363 • www.npchristian.org

**Contact:** Marita DeJong at dejongm@npchristian.org

**Description:** NorthPointe Christian Schools is a conservative independent Christian school. We believe that God has allowed us to be a part of something very special. We prepare students through academics, extra curricular events, athletics and fine arts while partnering with parents and local churches. We join them in preparing their children to impact this world for Jesus Christ.

### Trinitas Classical School

**Grade Levels:** K – 6 (soon to be K – 8)

**Open House Dates:** Monday, February 11th – 7:00 pm; Tuesday, March 11th – 7:00 pm; Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 pm

1226 Union Ave NE

(616) 855-6518 • www.trinitasclassical.org

**Contact:** Peter Marth at pmarth@trinitasclassical.org

**Description:** Trinitas Classical School is an ecumenical Christian classical school providing an exceptional education in the humanities and the sciences, including language arts, history, Latin and Greek, logic an internationally-acclaimed math curriculum and an inquiry-based science curriculum that is one of three recommended by the National Academy of Sciences as "an exemplary elementary science program." Full-time students and home school partners welcome.

## CHILDCARE CENTERS

### Alphabet Soup Day Care Center Inc.

**Ages:** 6 weeks – 12 yrs

1708 Leonard Street, Grand Rapids

(616) 222-1222 • www.AlphaSoup.org

**Contact:** AlphabetSoup222@sbcglobal.net

**Description:** Alphabet Soup Day Care Center is licensed by the State of Michigan to serve children 6 wks-12 yrs of age. The center opens at 5:30 am and closes at 12:00 midnight Monday thru Friday. We believe in developmental individuality for all children, each achieving milestones in their own time. We offer a Before and After School program, Infant/Toddler program, Early Pre-K, Pre-K, and we are a partner with Head Start.

### Appletree Christian Learning Centers

**Ages:** Infant – 12 yrs

839 Sibley St NW (corporate offices)

(616) 454-5432 • www.appletreekids.ce

**Contact:** appletreeinc@appletreekids.ce

**Description:** Appletree offers full and part-time quality childcare for children 6 weeks to 12 yrs of age. We provide a comforting opportunity to see your child throughout the day via secure internet cameras. We also offer before and after school care, bus transportation to and from local schools, summer camp programs, and much more. Please visit our website for more information.

## TUTORING SERVICES/OTHER

### Club Z! InHome Tutoring Services

**Grade Levels:** K-Adult

2380 Holtman Drive NE, Grand Rapids

(616) 447-8075 • www.ClubZ!Tutoring.com

**Contact:** Jim Wood at Jim\_wood@comcast.net

**Description:** We provide one-on-one tutoring in the student's home in all subject areas, including essential study and test taking skills. The goal is to improve the student's academic performance while enhancing their self-esteem, motivation and enthusiasm for learning. All our qualified teachers work with the school's curriculum and focus on helping students understand the material in order to achieve peak performance.

### Sensory Learning Center of West Michigan

**Ages:** Children – Adult

11301 Commerce Rd, Ste. A, Allendale

616-895-9550 • www.SensoryLearning.com

(Free on-line assessment)

**Contact:** Dr. Patricia M. Roslund at sensory@altelco.net

**Description:** The Sensory Learning Center provides an innovative drug-free approach to developmental learning that utilizes supra-modal sensory stimulation that has been proven highly successful across a wide spectrum of populations including Autism, Learning and Behavioral Problems, Acquired Brain Injury, Developmental Delays, Birth Trauma and ADD/ADHD. The program utilizes the latest research in sensory integration therapy along with occupational, vision, and auditory therapy analysis.

### Specialized Language Development Center

**Grade Levels:** K-Adult

525 Cheshire NE, Grand Rapids

(616) 361-1182 • www.sldcenter.org

**Contact:** Maura K. Race at mkrace@sldcenter.org

**Description:** Specialized Language Development Center, a community resource of West Michigan, is committed to bringing the power of reading, writing, and spelling to all individuals with dyslexia or other unique learning styles, enabling them to achieve their full potential. We focus on providing the unique tools for success through one-to-one tutoring. Our training program has two modes of service: internal training and professional development. The internal training provides the instruction and materials to work with our students. The professional development program, targeting educators and other community service organizations, provides the tools and techniques for the classroom or other mentoring experiences, allowing for creative teaching as well as early intervention of language challenges that need additional intervention.

### Sylvan Learning Center

**Grade Levels:** All ages

Grand Rapids, Grandville, Rockford, Holland & Muskegon

1-800-Educate • www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com

**Contact:** Sarah Knotts at slcgr01@ameritech.net

**Description:** If your child is struggling or just not being challenged enough, Sylvan can help! Sylvan offers personalized programs for every child, in every grade including reading, math, writing, study skills, homework help and ACT prep. Each program is customized to help your child develop skills to master new challenges with confidence and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.