



LOCAL FAMILY SCHOOLING

There are a number of excellent schools in the South Hamilton area. Below highlights **public**, **private** and **homeschool** options available to families of the Gordon-Conwell community.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District | www.hwschools.net | 978-626-0821

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District is located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the North Shore of Boston, Mass. There are five schools which are located in the towns of Hamilton and Wenham, Mass., with a total enrollment of 1,954 students.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

► Buker Elementary School | www.hwschools.net

1 School Street, Wenham, Mass. 01984 | 978-468-5324 | Principal: Brian O'Donoghue

The Bessie Buker Elementary School is one of the three elementary schools in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. They are a small K-5 school with two classrooms at each grade level. The Buker School has an enrollment of approximately 240 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, serviced by a staff of forty-five. The school contains 12 classrooms; an auditorium/gymnasium for physical education, a multi-purpose room/cafeteria, language arts center, music room, art room and a library/media center. The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District serves the two North Shore Massachusetts Communities of Hamilton and Wenham, located approximately 25 miles north of Boston. The school's enrollment includes approximately 118 school choice students.

► Cutler Elementary School | www.hwschools.net

237 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-5330 | Principal: Jennifer Clifford

The Cutler School supports and enhances a student-centered environment where each student can learn to be a productive citizen. They envision a school community where all members - students, staff, and parents are continual learners. The mission of the school is to educate children to become young adults who are of good character and demonstrate mastery of the knowledge and skills needed to be successful members of the global economy and engaged citizens of the 21st Century. The purpose of the elementary school is to promote the academic, social/emotional, physical, and aesthetic development of each student. The primary role of the educator is to provide an appropriate climate for learning, which includes respect for the learner, freedom to question, stimulating content, and flexible teaching methods which address the different learning styles, recognition of the different levels of problem-solving strategies and cultivation of individual talents. The student will be an active participant in the learning process, motivated to explore and question, and to integrate this knowledge into his/her real life experiences. The elementary school strives to provide a caring environment in which every child can feel a sense of personal worth and mutually shared responsibility for life within the family, school, and community.

► Winthrop Elementary School | www.hwschools.net

325 Bay Road, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-5340 | Principal: Christopher Heath

The Winthrop School supports and enhances a student-centered environment in which each student can learn to be a productive citizen. They envision a school community where all members - students, staff, and parents are continual learners. A student-centered environment means that the focus is on the student's experience in the school community. The student actively participates and engages in a variety of learning experiences. The school community supports the student as he/she explores, studies, experiments, discusses, debates, and wrestles with new ideas and concepts. All members of the school community accept, believe in, and work together to fulfill the vision.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

► Miles River Middle School | www.hwschools.net

787 Bay Road, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-0362 | Principal: Craig Hovey

The Miles River Middle School serves students in grades six to eight from Hamilton and Wenham. It was built in 1998 on the same site next to the high school on Bay Road (Route 1A). The Middle and High School share a library, media center and auditorium. Classrooms are equipped with current technologies. Miles River Middle School is a comprehensive middle school that serves grades six through eight with a rigorous academic program focused on the areas of mathematics, english, social studies, science, and foreign language. Miles River works to meet the needs of all students through the professional culture of faculty, by working in partnership with families, and by incorporating principles of learning that are focused on developing ongoing and meaningful relationships with students. Miles River Middle School supports and enhances a student-centered environment where each student can learn to be a productive citizen.

HIGH SCHOOL

► Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School | www.hwschools.net

775 Bay Road, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-0400 | Principal: Eric Tracy

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School community strives to create a passion for learning in a reflective environment that promotes respect, individuality and quality achievement. By working to reach their greatest potential, Hamilton-Wenham students will learn to live as lifelong learners, locate and utilize opportunities for learning beyond the school walls, make informed decisions, set and pursue goals and prepare for future learning and/or career paths. They will express themselves effectively, speak and write proficiently and express ideas creatively using a variety of formats. They will acquire essential knowledge and skills, be critical and creative researchers, be thinkers, evaluate information from a variety of sources and interpret and deliver information using a variety of media. They will respect themselves and others, assume responsibility for making healthy choices and demonstrate awareness and respect for others in a diverse world. They will exhibit honesty, integrity, and personal responsibility. Students will navigate within a variety of communities, work with others to accomplish a common goal, contribute actively to the commonwealth of the community.

✓ Ranked #107 out of 14,000 according to Newsweek's *America's Top Schools*

✓ Ranked 93% in college readiness according to Newsweek's *America's Top Schools*

✓ 86 % of HWRHS students are college bound according to Newsweek's *America's Top Schools*

HAMILTON-WENHAM NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

► Forms, enrollment requirements and frequently asked questions are found at www.hwschools.net

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

► Bradford Christian Academy | www.bradfordchristianacademy.org

97 Oxford Avenue, Bradford, Mass. 01835 | 978-373-7900 | President & Head of School: Victoria Kennedy

Non-denominational Christian education serving Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox families. They serve students in grades 1-12 from families in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Bradford Christian Academy is a dynamic community of students, teachers, and alumni who are making a difference in the world. Whether learning in the classroom, performing on the stage, competing in a sport, or serving in the community, Bradford teaches the importance of self-discipline, hard work, creativity and interdependence. Our students graduate prepared to succeed in the finest colleges in our country, equipped with thought-out, lived-out faith in God, and determined to use their knowledge and talents to make the world a better place.

✓ 100% of students accepted at a college or university

✓ Recognized as one of the 50 best Christian High Schools in America by *The Best Schools*

► Brooks School | www.brooksschool.org

1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover, Mass. 01845 | 978-725-6300

Brooks school is a private, boarding, Episcopal school, which has 359 students in grades 9-12. Brooks students come from across the country and around the world. Brooks is a place that embraces and values all types of diversity. They seek students who bring a unique perspective to the community. Brooks Schools seeks to provide the most meaningful educational experience students will have in their lives. Within an environment of academic excellence, Brooks strives to promote and focus intellectual growth and curiosity. The school encourages students to develop analytic and creative capacities; to read critically; to think, speak, and write with cogency and precision; to broaden aesthetic sensibility; to make effective use of technology in the learning process; and to be aware of the larger world beyond the school community. The school emphasizes moral awareness and strives to provide daily lessons in tolerance, integrity and social responsibility.

► Christ Church Parish Day School | www.christchurchparishdayschool.com

149 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-7892

Christ Church Parish Day School was established over 50 years ago as an outreach mission of Christ Church. As such, the Day School promotes a harmonious and cooperative relationship between the two institutions. The Day School embraces the value of fostering Christian principles for ages five and under, and we attempt to model these behaviors on a daily basis.

► Covenant Christian Academy | www.covenantchristianacademy.org

83 Pine Street, West Peabody, Mass. 01960 | 978-535-7100

Covenant Christian Academy is a premiere Christian and classical college prep school on Boston's North Shore. Covenant Christian Academy is a college preparatory school that utilizes the Classical tradition and teaches from a Biblical worldview. They are a Christian school that teaches from the Classical tradition and prepares students to excel in college and life thereafter. As a Christian school, they affirm that all truth is God's truth and integrate faith and learning in all subjects.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

► Gordon Conwell Nursery School | www.gordonconwell.edu/hamilton/current/Nursery-School.cfm

130 Essex Street, South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-646-4158

The Gordon-Conwell Nursery School is a preschool guided by the philosophy that all children can learn. Located on the Gordon-Conwell campus in South Hamilton, Mass., the program provides a child-centered learning environment which enables children to learn and develop actively at their own pace and in their own ways. This preschool is a play-based program which seeks to promote a developing awareness of God. Each member of the staff acts as a model in helping each child understand God's love. The staff at the Nursery School is concerned with the total and unique growth and development of each child. The integrated curriculum is designed to enhance the spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and educational development of each child. Children will be in a stimulating learning environment encouraging independence and socializing.

✓ 20% discount for siblings

✓ \$200 referral credit

► Little Hands Big Hearts Christian Preschool | www.LHBHpreschool.org

60 Forest Park Road, Woburn, Mass 01801 | 781-937-5645

Little Hands, Big Hearts Christian Preschool (LHBH) has been established by Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to provide a quality preschool experience for children in and around the community. The Christian-based philosophy and curriculum are guided by an understanding of children's individual difference and developmental needs. The aim is to provide a safe and nurturing environment, guided by love to encourage physical, social, and emotional growth, as well as knowledge development of young children, all while responding to the needs of their families. Children are engaged within small classes through art, music, science, language, and social studies to realize their creative and imaginative abilities. LHBH is a challenging and enjoyable program. They offer structure and creativity through play and teacher-guided activities. LHBH Preschool's ultimate goal is to have each child feel a sense of accomplishment in self-help tasks and to be comfortable in group situations, while looking forward to the kindergarten experience ahead.

✓ Voted #1 Preschool in Woburn with *Readers Choice Awards*

✓ Voted *Readers Choice Awards Silver Award Winner*

► Lexington Christian Academy | www.lca.edu

48 Bartlett Ave., Lexington, Mass. 02420 | 781-862-7850

Lexington Christian Academy is a private, Christian preparatory day and boarding school. It is an independent college preparatory school that exists to educate young men and women in the arts and sciences in the context of a complete commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lexington Christian Academy (LCA) was founded in 1946 with the belief that faith and learning are key and inseparable components of Christian education. As a school that was born out of the evangelical movement in New England, the founders believed that excellent college preparatory education was possible without compromising the Christian philosophy of the school. This critical component of the school is captured in the name of the institution – Lexington Christian Academy. LCA is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and defines itself as a Christian college-preparatory school.

► Mount Hope Christian School | www.mounthopeschool.org

Contact: 3 McGinnis Drive, Burlington, Mass. 01803 | 781-272-1014 x3

Mount Hope Christian School is a non-denominational Christian school. As part of the commitment to Christian education and the ministry, they provide equal opportunity to any student applying for admission to Mount Hope Christian School without regard to race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, sex or handicap (as long as the needs of that child can best be served through M.H.C.S.). Programs: Preschool, Elementary grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, Before- and After-school extended care, Elementary after-school enrichment programs, Summer Program

► New England Academy | www.newenglandacademy.net

96 Cherry Hill Drive, Beverly, Mass. 01915 | 978-921-1103

New England Academy is a private, special education school devoted to providing students the academic challenge and clinical support they need to succeed in school. They serve students in grades 7-12 with identified social and/or emotional disabilities. Because they provide an educational environment that is challenging, nurturing and supportive. The 8:1 student/teacher ratio ensures individualized instruction. They make clinical staff available throughout the school day to assist a student with any social or emotional issue.

✓ 100% of graduating seniors have been accepted into college

► North Shore Christian School | www.nschristian.org

► Beverly Campus: 35 Conant Street, Beverly, Mass. 01915 | 978-921-2888

► Lynn Campus: 26 Urban Street, Lynn, Mass. 01904 | 781-599-2040

► Marblehead Campus: 17 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, Mass. 01945 | 781-599-2040

North Shore Christian School is an independent Christian School serving students in grades Preschool through eight with campuses in Beverly (Preschool-6), Lynn (PreK-8), and Marblehead (Preschool). Imagine a small school rooted in the principles of truth, character, and excellence. A vibrant and diverse community committed to academic excellence and innovative learning. Imagine a place where dedicated teachers encourage each child to think deeply and to serve others. This is North Shore Christian School. North Shore Christian School has provided Christian education for children since 1951. Although the emphasis on instructing children in Christian character has never wavered, the focus on teaching the whole child has grown to include a hands-on science curriculum, advanced mathematics instruction, an expanded program of grammar instruction, the study of classic books and the development of both creative and academic writing skills. Size: 210 students, 29 faculty, eight administrators on three campuses. Average class size: 12. Students receiving financial aid: 45%.

► Pingree School | www.pingree.org

537 Highland Street South Hamilton, Mass. 01982 | 978-468-4415

Pingree is an independent, coeducational secondary day school serving the large geographic area north and east of Boston. Its students commute from 45 different cities and towns, from as far south as Arlington, as far north as Southern New Hampshire and as far west as the Merrimack Valley. With an enrollment of approximately 335 students, Pingree is committed to its identity as a small day school which is proud of its high standards and which stresses an educational program directed to the diverse needs of the adolescent years.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

► The Waring School | www.waringschool.org/page

35 Standley Street, Beverly, Mass. 01915 | 978-927-8793

The Waring School offers a highly demanding college-preparatory education, for grades 6-12, which stresses liberal arts in the setting of a supportive school community. The Waring atmosphere is one in which both teachers and students want to learn and believe that school is not an end in itself but is the beginning of a lifelong learning process. Curriculum focuses on interdisciplinary humanities course; four years math and science requirement; comprehensive music and arts instruction; French immersion, cultural exchange programs and trips abroad; individually tailored course placements; multi-age advising groups; Endterm experiential projects and service opportunities. Affiliations: National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Association of Independent Schools in New England (AISNE), and North Shore Sustainability Project.

HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES

► A2ZHomesCool | www.a2zhomeschooling.com/regional/us/massachusetts/massachusetts_homeschooling

► Central Mass Homeschool Co-Op | www.cmhscoop.org | centralmasschs@gmail.com

Homeschooling your child can be one of the most rewarding experiences of parenthood, but it can also be a challenge, especially if you are going it alone. So, don't go it alone. Central Mass Homeschool Co-op is here to help and encourage each other on the incredible journey that is homeschooling. Deciding to homeschool means you have decided that your children will best be served by learning outside of the public or private school environment. This decision allows you, the parent, to oversee your child's educational development as well as their spiritual development. Whether your decision is made on a year-by-year basis, or you are already committed through high school, homeschooling is a situation where there is safety in numbers. If you'd like to be a part of a group of like-minded parents, who are all working towards instilling both academic as well as spiritual virtues in their children, then you have found the right place.

► Homeschooling in Massachusetts | www.homeschoolinginmassachusetts.com/beyondbasics/reallife/christian.aspx

► Mass HOPE | www.masshope.org | 46 South Road, Holden, Mass. 01520 | 508-829-0973

Mass HOPE offers information and support to homeschoolers from a Christian perspective. MassHOPE is an acronym for the Massachusetts Homeschool Organization of Parent Educators. It is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1988. Our stated purpose is "promoting and safeguarding home education to the glory of God." MassHOPE assists parents in understanding and fulfilling the homeschooling laws of Massachusetts. They support and encourage homeschooling families through various activities and events such as the annual convention, used curriculum sale, and graduation, and also through a network of support groups, and communications such as a newsletter, "The Voice of Hope", and legislative "e-lets" as needed.

► New Hope Tutorials | www.newhopetutorials.org | P.O. Box 96 4 Georgetown Road, Boxford, Mass. 01921 | 978-965-8601

New Hope Tutorials provides high-quality small-group education for middle and high school homeschooling students on Boston's North Shore and beyond. They offer full-year courses in a variety of disciplines, as well as 6-12-week mini-tutorials and workshops for students as young as eight years old. Since 1999, New Hope Tutorials has provided high-quality small-group education for middle and high school homeschooling students on Boston's North Shore and beyond. In the 2014-15 school year, New Hope has approximately 110 full-year students and 40 workshop students, all meeting throughout the week at our campus in Boxford. The middle school programs runs on Mondays and Wednesdays, high school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with workshops running mostly on Monday.

► Pilgrims Progress | www.homeschool-life.com/ma/pilgrimsprogress | pilgrimsprogress.supportgroup@gmail.com | 508-658-8752

This group is called Pilgrims Progress Home School Support Group. We have about 80 families as members. We are a Christian led, nonprofit organization that offers support to families who choose to home educate their children.