

School Comparison Worksheet

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Use one worksheet per household. Compare up to three schools side by side, then decide with information instead of a ranking number.

Step 1 — Your family's priorities

Rank each item 1 (not important) to 5 (essential). This is what “best school” actually means for you.

Priority	Rating (1-5)	Notes
Academic strength / test results		
Special education support		
French immersion or IB		
Gifted / enrichment programs		
Arts, music, drama		
Sports and athletics		
Class and school size		
Walkability from home		
Before/after school care		
School culture and inclusivity		
Extracurricular variety		
Bus route and commute time		

Step 2 — Side-by-side comparison

Fill this in after you have visited or called each school. Board websites list catchment boundaries and program offerings.

	School A	School B	School C
School name			
Board (public / Catholic)			
Grades offered			
Enrolment size			
Catchment confirmed? (Y/N)			
Walk or bus?			
Commute time			
Programs offered			
EQAQ / results reviewed?			
Waitlist or capacity issues			
Parent feedback summary			
Tour completed (date)			
Overall fit (1-5)			

Step 3 — Questions to ask on your tour

- ☐ How would you describe the culture of this school in one sentence?
- ☐ What programs is the school known for, and which are being added or cut?
- ☐ How does the school support a child who is ahead — or behind — in a subject?
- ☐ What does communication with parents look like day to day?
- ☐ How stable is the teaching staff year over year?
- ☐ What is enrolment doing — growing, shrinking, or capped?
- ☐ Are portables in use, and is a boundary review expected?
- ☐ What do families here most often say they wish they had known?

Step 4 — Community snapshot

August 2026 average sale prices in the communities most families compare. Prices move; the relationship between school strength and resale demand tends not to.

Community	Avg. price	School notes
Oakville	Premium pricing	Consistently top-rated; prices down about 11% year over year
Milton	\$1.07M	Newer schools built alongside the subdivisions; strong Halton boards
Burlington	\$1.29M	Very well regarded across both boards; established catchments
Ancaster	\$728K range	Well-regarded schools, steady family demand
Hamilton	\$746K (downtown)	Varies by neighbourhood; strong teachers, specific catchments matter
Cambridge	\$728K	Underrated Waterloo Region schools; engaged parent councils
Dundas	\$728K range	Small-town feel with an involved school community
Guelph	\$757K	University town; strong focus on education and enrichment

School board contacts

- Halton District School Board — hdsb.ca
- Halton Catholic District School Board — hcdsb.org
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board — hwdsb.on.ca
- Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board — hwcdsb.ca
- Waterloo Region District School Board — wrdsb.ca
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board — wcdsb.ca
- Upper Grand District School Board — ugdsb.ca
- Grand Erie District School Board — granderie.ca

Always confirm the catchment for a specific address directly with the board before you make an offer. Boundaries are reviewed regularly and listing information is not a guarantee.

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