

# NATIONAL HYBRID SCHOOLS SURVEY 2024

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## 03 Quick Facts

- ◆ Hybrid schools seem to be growing in number and in size. The average enrollment has consistently grown over the past several years, from an average of 152 in 2018 to an average of 263 in 2023.
- ◆ The average hybrid school responding to this survey was founded in 2013, with a significant percentage founded in the last 3-5 years.
- ◆ Hybrid schools still seem to be a phenomenon of suburban areas, suggesting them as a school choice option for more middle class families.
- ◆ More hybrid school students than last year were considered to be “homeschoolers” than students enrolled in a school.
- ◆ The average hybrid school’s tuition is below the average education savings account (ESA) value in states with current ESA programs.











## 7.2 Enrollments

Comparing enrollment levels to previous years, we again find evidence of increased average enrollment in hybrid schools, with the average enrollment level of K-12 students in 2023 being 263. Enrollments by grade maintained the pattern found in the prior year's survey: more students attend hybrid schools in grades K-8 than in high school, with high school enrollments again being the lowest.

Table 1: Hybrid School Enrollments by Grade Band

	Overall	K-8	9-12
Mean	263	200.3	59.1
Min	7	0	0
Max	2364	1813	551



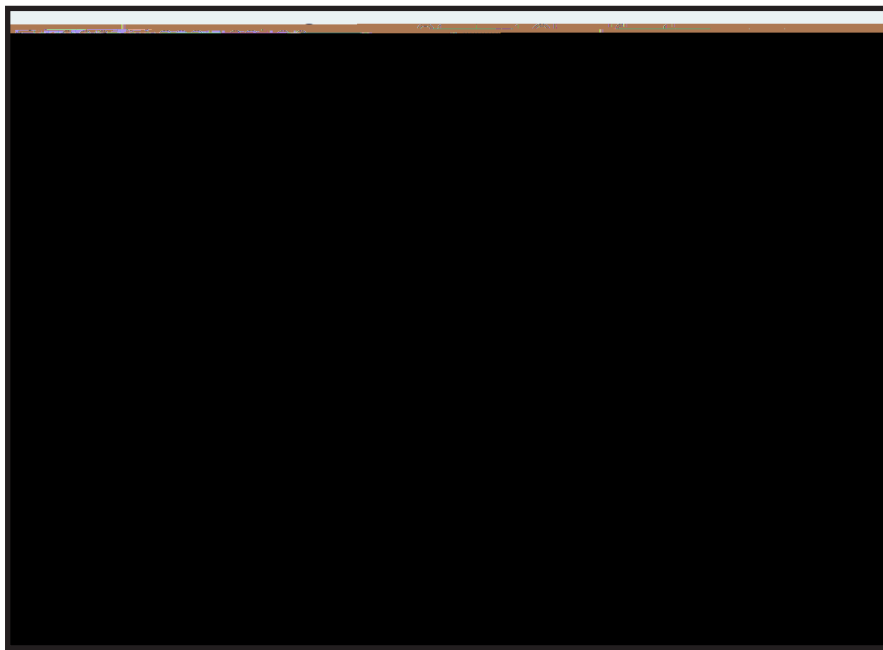
## 7.3 Tuition

Tuition among responding schools for the 2023-24 school year ranged from \$0 (public and charter versions) to \$8,250, with a mean tuition of \$4,071 and a median of \$3,600. This result is slightly higher than last year's average of \$3,504, but still lower than 2021's average of \$4,158, and may reflect the fact that the group of responding schools reporting their tuition this year was significantly smaller than in prior years. The average tuition among schools charging a tuition is \$4,385. Of course hybrid school families face particular tradeoffs – someone must be home to work with or at least monitor students on home days, rather than earning money at work – but this tuition level of \$4,385 would fall below the average education savings account (ESA) value in every state with an ESA program.<sup>3</sup>

## 8.1 Homeschool or Private School?

As noted above, these schools have aspects both of formal schools and of homeschools, and as such the schools themselves and the families that use them often feel that they are experiencing both kinds of education. While some percentage of the students included as part of the increase in “homeschooling” over the past few years<sup>4</sup>, the schools and families in this sector often give

Figure 7: Hybrid School Institution Classification



*Notes:*

- a. This figure was generated from a sample of 69 survey responses to the question "Are the students at this school formally registered as homeschool students, private school students, or something else."
- b. The majority of respondents who selected the "Other" category here indicated that their students were homeschool students enrolled in a school.

A slightly higher proportion of schools in this year's survey reported being classical schools (28.57 percent) compared to last year (25.7 percent), or alternative schools this year (35.71 percent) compared to last year (29.7 percent). These remain the two most-common curriculum models reported by respondents.

Religious Affiliation among respondents looks somewhat similar from past years. In a continuation of a trend, the percentage of schools claiming “No Religious Affiliation” grew again. This survey may be capturing more public/charter schools in responses over time, but also the number of the newer private hybrid schools which are not religiously-affiliated continues to grow.

Special Education Avg. Student Enrollment





# 9.1 Grades Served

