

Compare Your Education Options



You’ve probably got two or three real contenders — a pod you heard about, a microschool nearby, maybe “just homeschool it ourselves.” **Stop comparing them in your head at midnight. Put them in the grid.**

Six Education Options at a Glance

Option	Best For	Parent Role	Structure
Homeschooling	Families who want the most flexibility, direct involvement, and control over their child’s education.	High. Parents are responsible for planning, compliance, instruction, resources, and progress.	Flexible and family-led. Can include curriculum, co-ops, tutors, enrichment, online programs, and community learning.
Learning Pod	Families who want small-group learning, peer connection, shared support, and more flexibility than traditional school.	Medium to high. Parent role depends on the pod model, agreement, and legal structure.	Small group, often part-time. May be parent-led, facilitator-led, or educator-supported.
Microschool	Families who want a more structured small-school environment with a defined schedule, learning approach, and leader.	Medium. Parents still need to understand legal and educational responsibilities depending on the model.	More school-like. Often has set days, hours, tuition, policies, staff, and a clearer learning model.
Homeschool Support Program	Homeschooling families who want outside structure, accountability, community, or guided learning days.	High. Parents usually remain responsible for the homeschool program.	Usually part-time. Supports learning through group days, projects, enrichment, academic support, or planning help.
Tutoring	Children who need targeted support in a specific subject, skill, gap, or confidence area.	Medium. Parents coordinate tutoring alongside the child’s main education plan.	Usually 1:1 or small group. Flexible schedule, focused goals, often supplemental.
Enrichment Program	Children who need more creativity, movement, STEM, nature, art, music, social time, or interest-based learning.	Medium. Parents choose enrichment to supplement the main education path.	Session-based, class-based, or seasonal. Usually focused on one subject, experience, or skill area.
Hybrid Option	Families who need a mix of structure, flexibility, community, and targeted support.	Varies. Parents may combine several options and coordinate the overall plan.	A customized mix, such as homeschool + pod, microschool + tutoring, or homeschool support + enrichment.

Comparison Grid

Use the grid below to compare real options you are considering.

Option	Fits My Child's "More Of" List? (1–5)	Schedule fit for our family (1–5)	Location & Logistics (1–5)	True Total Cost / Year	Gut Feel After Visiting (1–5)	Questions Still Open

Two notes on using this honestly.

FIRST: score **AFTER** a visit, not from a website — the **gut-feel** column only counts in person.

SECOND: the highest score doesn't automatically win, but a **low score with a high price** should end the conversation.

And if every option scores **under 3** on your child's needs?

That's not failure — that's the moment some parents realize the right option doesn't exist near them yet.

Some of those parents build it.

Narrowed it down but still stuck between two?

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50 minutes, 1:1, your child, your options, your plan.

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