

Christian Boarding School Comparisons

Description	Abundant Life Academy	Heart Light Ministries	Accendo Academy	Evangel House
Location	Kanab, Utah & Jesup, Georgia	Longview, Texas	Gutier, Mississippi	St. Martinville, Louisiana
Type of School	(Kanab) Early Intervention Christian Boarding School (Jesup) Mid-range Intervention Christian Boarding School	Christian Program for Troubled Teens	Christian Program for Troubled Boys	Christian Based Residential Treatment for Girls
Boys & Girls	Yes (but not co-ed)	Yes	Boys Only	Girls Only
Ages allowed	12.5 – 18	13 - 18	12 - 17	12 - 22
Length of Program	9 months	12 months	12 months	12 – 18 months
Type of Housing	Academy – Boarding School	Group Homes	Barracks’ type with all 16 boys in same room	Group Homes
Monthly Tuition Expense	Kanab - \$4,250.00 Jesup - \$4,250	\$4,300	\$2,300	\$4,400
Application Fee	NO	\$300	NO	NO
Admission Fee	(Kanab \$4,250) (Jesup \$4,250) (Includes all misc. expenses for their stay - such as toiletries, school supplies, academic classes, field trips, etc.) Also includes fees for Family Conferences and Family Workshops. Does not include uniforms	\$950 due before 1 st interview – non-refundable	\$4,500 (includes 1 st mo. Tuition, school supplies, and uniforms)	\$2,500 \$400 Uniform Fee

Other Monthly Expenses	NO (Academics are included which are 5 Course Credits)	YES \$110 for each Academic Course, and a \$30 Testing Fee. Must deposit \$400 per month into students’ personal account for all misc. expenses (toiletries, school supplies, etc.)	NO	NO
Total Cost of Program if completed in 9 months	Kanab \$46,495.00 Jesup \$46,495.00 (Totals include 9 months of Tuition, Academics, Enrollment Fee, International Mission Trip, and 3 months of	Does not offer a 9 month program. (No mission trips, no Aftercare Parent Coaching Program for when the child	They highly recommend a 12 month stay (No Mission Trips, no Aftercare Parent Coaching Program	\$40,000 (No Mission Trips, no Aftercare Parent Coaching Program when the child returns home)

	Aftercare Parent Coaching for when the child returns home)	returns home)	when the child returns home)	
Total Cost of Program for Max. 12 months	We recommend only a 9 month program.	\$58,230	\$29,800	\$55,700
Offers a Program Guarantee?	YES If a child <i>graduates the program, (and the parents complete the parent requirements)</i> and does not do well in the first 3 months of returning home; the child can return to the program for 3 months at a reduced rate of 30% of the current tuition rate. If the child remains for another 3 months it will be at a rate of 50% of the current tuition rate.	NO	NO	NO
Max. # of Students	60 Total	48 Total	16 Total Boys	15 Total Girls
Student to Staff Ratio	6 to 1	2 to 1 & 3 to 1 depending on the home	4 to 1	10 to 1
Requires Parents to visit the campus for an interview	NO	YES	NO	YES
Will Recommend an Escort Service if the child is unwilling to attend the program	YES	YES	No Data Available	NO
Bible Curriculum Taught	YES	NO – bible studies are offered weekly and are optional	YES	YES
In-House Church Services	YES – Student Led Worship Music & Academy Staff Pastor on campus	NO – Attend local churches	NO – attend local churches	NO – Attend local First Assembly of God Church

Secure Facility with supervised outings	YES – students can't go in or out of building at any time without adult supervision. 24 hour <i>awake</i> Staff on campus	Alarm on group home 10 pm to morning	Alarm on group home	Alarm on group home
Mission Trips	YES – Local, National, & International Mission Trips, also Mercy	NO	NO – optional servant hood program to	NO

	Ministries and Community Service Projects are required		volunteer in different areas; the student has to choose to do this	
League Sports	Yes – Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Cross Country & Cheerleading	NO – just fun games with students. Students attend the local High School in town and can possibly play there.	NO – just fun games with students in volleyball, baseball, boxing, basketball, flag football, golf	NO – just fun games with students volleyball, flag football, baseball, basketball, boxing, golf
Other available extra-curricular activities	Christian conferences, hiking, picnics, field trips, weight lifting, snowboarding, swimming, skateboarding, league sports, crafts, working with animals at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Worship & arts, art classes, work program, music ministry, volunteering at the local food pantry, Staff approved movies, attend local High School sporting events, hold a position in Student Body Government, Mercy Ministries, and Community Service projects, etc.	Attend local High School events, watch TV, horseback riding, water skiing, wakeboarding, rappelling and rock climbing, fishing, swimming, skeet shooting, tennis, skateboarding, basketball, softball, paintball, weightlifting, and bicycling. Indoor activities include racquetball, photography, guitar lessons, pottery, billiards, crafts, and art.	Attend local church youth group activities	Horseback riding lessons, mall outings, attend some concerts & local outings
Required home visits	NONE – We encourage 1 home visit in the last Trimester for parents to evaluate students progress & let us know what areas we need to focus on. If a student is not ready for a home visit we encourage parents to come & spend Thanksgiving & Christmas and join in on the many service projects & activities.	YES 4 day minimum at Christmas, & other scheduled breaks are Thanksgiving, Spring Break, End Break, & End of summer program break	NONE – although they encourage regular parent and home visits when child is doing well	NONE Home visits for Easter, July 4 th , Thanksgiving, Christmas encouraged but not required, parents can visit during the holidays if the child is not ready for a home visit
Family Conferences	YES – Large Family Restoration Conference held every other month. The fees for this are included in your Admissions Fee. This is very in-depth coaching and training for the	YES Holding 3 events throughout the year that gives in-depth information and tools for parenting.	NO	YES Holding 2 Family Retreats per year. Each retreat costs \$250.00 per family and is a mandatory cost even if your family does not attend.

	parents in working towards family restoration.			
Communication with parents regarding their student	Parent Coaching per phone for 6-8 weeks upon enrollment, On-line updates 4 times per week which includes progress in the program and all academic grades updated to the same system, weekly phone call from the student with our Family Rep., unlimited email between the student and parents.	Parents initiate the phone calls to the student or facility. Parents are encouraged to attend the parent conferences	Parents initiate the phone calls to the student once a week and they can call the facility as needed for updates	Weekly phone calls to the student, monthly family counseling sessions, and parents are encouraged to attend the family conferences
Licensed Therapist	Available with an off-site Therapist and medications monitored with an off-site psychiatrist. The academy can coordinate and parents would pay them for these services	The staff works closely with the local psychiatrist for evaluations and monitoring medication	NO	YES – weekly individual therapy, weekly group therapy, and monthly family therapy
Accredited Academics on-site	YES – NAAS & ACSI	Utilizes the Texas Tech academics with supervision and teaching staff available	YES – by SACS & CITA	YES – by SACS & CITA
Enroll students with Bipolar Disorders	NO – Kanab Campus YES – Jesup Campus	NO	NO	YES
Drug and Alcohol addiction	Kanab - NO – just mild drug and alcohol experimentation Jesup - YES	NO – just mild drug and alcohol abuse	NO – just mild drug and alcohol abuse	NO – just mild drug and alcohol abuse
Enroll Court ordered teens	YES Only if for minor issues not dealing with criminal violence or sexual nature	Depends on the case.	YES Only if for minor issues not dealing with criminal violence or sexual nature	YES Only if for minor issues not dealing with criminal violence or sexual nature
Specializes in ADD & ADHD	YES – We believe that students who have ADD or ADHD can learn to make this work for them instead of against them. We believe that in many ways they are a gifting and once the students learn how to make it work for them they no longer need medications to manage this.	NO	YES	No data available