Alternatives to the Public School System

Our public school system is in dire need of repair and reform. In its current state our children are not being taught what they need to know to be successful in life. Less than 50% of our public-school children pass standardized testing for their grade level. Until we can fix our schools, here are some alternatives you might consider.

Private Schools though often expensive, this is the easiest way to pull your children out of the public-school nightmare. Private schools might most often be thought of as those offered by your church, but there are non-religious private schools available as well. Here are a few examples of private schools in our area:

1. Acorn Montessori
2. Franklin Phonetic Primary School
3. The Potters House Christian Fellowship Church
4. Trinity Christian School
5. Cedar Tree Montessori
6. Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy
7. Explorers Learning Academy
8. Tri-City College Prep High School

Homeschooling is another option, though for some, the thought of being 100% responsible for educating your children is an overwhelming thought. However, there are several groups and websites that offer support for homeschool families. Some homeschool families opt to band with other homeschool families for support. Others rely on public sports. Some even enroll their children in public-school sports or band class to round out their experiences. Here are a few resources to get your research started if you're thinking about homeschooling.

hslda.org (most recommended site by home-school parents I spoke with.) Nationwide homeschool advocacy organization.

https://www.home-school.com/groups/AZ.php Provides group name, street address, phone number, website and a brief description of the group. All groups are in AZ

https://hetutor.com/tutors/homeschool/az/prescott-valley Provides access to tutors in our area for those subjects you feel your child could use someone else's help.

If you use Facebook, there are groups there too.