



ALIGN Issue 72: A Better Back-to-School

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Innovation in Education

Truth be told, a very small percentage of students are actually served by the industrial “education” machines we call public schools. Thankfully, more people are starting to realize that.

For example, in the quaint town of Leander, Texas, there’s a micro-school with just 16 students called Oak Ridge. Unlike a standard, stifling classroom with state-mandated curricula and rigid course scheduling, Oak Ridge gives its young students ample freedom to explore the school’s five acres between hands-on projects and traditional lessons. This style of education is undeniably unique (and a much better fit for most squirrely ten-year-old boys than being chained to a desk), but more parents are bravely choosing unique over predictable, and the rewards are worth it.

As alternative options like Oak Ridge, learning pods, classical schools, online learning, home school communities, and more pop up everywhere, giving families options

they've never had before, it's a good time to think about not just when classes start or what supplies you need to buy, but also about what kind of school your child should go to in the first place. Chances are there are new options just waiting to be discovered or created.

The Better Alternative

One innovative option for alternative education is [Allschool](#), a platform where teachers have posted engaging classes on just about every subject under the sun, from multiplication and history to creative writing and coding. If your current schooling situation lacks options, this is a great way to supplement and add more variety.

Additionally, to push back against things like gender ideology and critical race theory at your child's school, we strongly recommend you sign up for [Courage is a Habit](#). They'll send you a [free guide](#) to help you quickly see through the left's euphemisms to uncover exactly what your child is being taught and how to correct it.



Business Spotlight

Of course, it's not enough to try and prevent your child from being taught what is wrong. As parents, we also have to do everything we can to teach them the truth. That's a

daunting task, especially in an age awash with degrading content. Luckily, [Library 4 Littles](#) can help. Founded by librarian Anne Sey, the wife of Christian commentator [Samuel Sey](#), Library 4 Littles has specially curated book recommendations that will never contradict Christian values. She has options for new readers all the way up to 12-year-olds and everything in-between. The program is so popular that sign-ups had to be paused until October to meet growing demand. That's why you should join the waitlist now so that when the school season is in full swing your family can have a regular stream of quality books enriching your home.

The Bigger Picture

In the latest episode of the ALIGN podcast, host [Bart Lamont](#) interviews Barbara Lee, the founder of [Crayon Rocks](#). Not only is Crayon Rocks an amazing alternative to left-wing Crayola, they are also 100% made in the USA and specially designed to be able to be used by children with sensory issues. Thanks to their specially designed shape, Crayons Rocks help children develop sensory motor skills all while they create drawings that are sure to melt your heart.

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