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The (often unspoken) Benefits of a Private School Education

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As a past educator at a variety of public school systems, including charter schools, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to become involved in the private sector of education. When I began working at a private school, I became acutely aware of the misconceptions many have regarding private schools. They assume that those attending private schools lack diversity in terms of financial resources, religious views, and ethnicity. Many also assumed that all private schools are secular. These statements couldn't be further from the truth! As a person that values diversity, I was thrilled to find this at Meritor Academy in virtually every aspect of our student families and the curriculum we teach to our students.

In my past role as coordinator of gifted and talented programming and as an intervention teacher, I learned to appreciate schools and teachers that individualized their curriculum to meet student needs. Because of the training and value system our teachers possess, this is something that is a major focus at Meritor Academy. We individualize our education and create a student learning plan for each student, not just a select few. We are able to do this because we have exceptionally small class sizes so the teachers can take the time to work with each student individually.

Because we have such amazing student to teacher ratios at our school we are also able to accelerate their education. On average, our students perform two or three grades above others on nationally norm referenced educational tests. Although we value the information these tests provide us when working with our students, we are not driven by tests like many public schools. Our students are not required to sit through hours of 'teaching to the CSAP'. We utilize a wide variety of excellent academic curricula for our students, including the popular Core Knowledge sequence for many subjects.

I hope that by speaking about these benefits, we can begin to eradicate these misconceptions that stop many from discovering a wonderful school like Meritor Academy. Private school benefits such as small class sizes, a strong focus on academic excellence, and exceptionally motivated families and staff are just a few reasons why I am happy that we have private schools as an option for our children today.