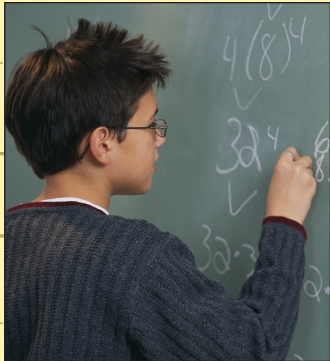


# Small Schools Make a Big Difference

Your child is one of a kind. Don't send him to a school where he's one of four hundred. Small Schools offer personal attention for your "one of a kind" child.





Small Schools is a coalition of 13 one- to four-room elementary schools in Indiana that offer the traditional curriculum in a multi-age setting, allowing each child to progress at his own rate. Each school is accredited by the National Council for Private School Education. The average student-to-teacher ratio is 11 students per teacher.

Operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Small Schools are open to children of any faith. Each child's personal faith is treated with respect. Each child is encouraged to develop and defend his own belief system and world view.

**The Small School  
nearest you is:**

### **Five Reasons Why Small Schools are Child-Friendly:**

**1. Personal Attention.** When a teacher has only two students in 4th grade math, she immediately knows if they understand that *day's* lesson. This is much harder to do when the teacher has 24 students.

**2. Individual Instruction.** In small schools, instruction is provided at each child's level. If your 2nd grader is ready for 4th grade math, she'll do 4th grade math! If your 4th grader reads at the 2nd grade level, that's the level at which his teacher will begin working to improve his skills. In most large schools, all students in the 4th grade study the same thing, ready or not.

**3. Positive Peer Pressure.** Small schools are family-like places in which older students help younger students. This causes older students to be positive role models. Because small schools are like families, no one group dominates and there are no unhealthy cliques.

**4. Opportunities for Leadership.** In small schools, every student gets a part in the school play; *each* child gets on a team at recess; *any* singer can sing a solo; *all* students are actively involved in school decision-making and leadership.

**5. Social Skills.** In a small school, children are more tolerant of individual differences. They learn how to get along with everybody. This helps each child develop life skills in conflict resolution, patience, tolerance, kindness, and forgiveness.

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