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Today, the family mixes its Italian heritage with its 400 acres of vineyards in southern Mendocino County. Winemaker David Brutocao follows honorable and minimally invasive methods for producing complex and memorable wines. The taste is paramount with the Brutocaos who believe in the production of wine with food in mind. Their restaurant, next to the hopland tasting room, proves it. The Crushed Grape Grill offers a complete palette of exquisite foods to enjoy. From wood-fired oven pizzas to fresh pasta, The Crushed Grape features excellent Italian cuisine and intriguing evening specials. Guests can dine indoors or on the outdoor deck, overlooking the six authentic bocce courts of the winery's championship. The restaurant and tasting room comprise only part of the seven-acre Brutocao Cellars Schoolhouse Plaza, which was originally hopland high school from 1922 to 1963. Historical photographs exhibited in the tasting room pay homage to the school, which was transformed by Leonard Brutocao into a complex dedicated to wine and food. Special events take place here regularly. The former high school gym has been transformed into the Bliss room, a banquet room/conference centre for up to 200 guests. A popular venue for spring and summer weddings and autumn and winter conferences, the venue recently hosted the Alliance Conference sustainable wines from California, presented by UC-Davis. The building now houses specialty shops and offices on its first floor, and two rooms for conferences and special events in the second second From a table in Italy, to the many tables that is today in the Adegas de Brutocao, lives the tradition of the Brutocao family of good friends, good food and excellent wine. It is a tradition that they warmly share with everyone who visits the Brutocao Porões. What to Buy: Quadriga Classic Italian blend of Sangiovese/Primitivo/Barbera/Dolcetto \$24 Coro Mendocino Zinfandel collaborative blend, Sangiovese, Barbera, Syrah \$37 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Black cherry, fresh earth, smoky oak \$26 Zinfandel Port Black cherry, currant, chocolate seasoning \$34 Contact: 800.433.3689; Fax: 707.744.1046 www.brutocaocellars.com 13500 S. Hwy 101 Hopland, CA 95449 Tasting Room Open Daily 10-5 Getting There: Hopland Tasting Room Located at the junction of Hwy 175 and Hwy 101. Anderson Valley Tasting Room located on Hwy 128 west of Philo; 707.895.2152. AR for the real world It is not easy to be a home educator, especially when you still have to work. That's why Google is making it easier for kids to help bring parts of the classroom home with their AR tools, now directly accessible in Google Search. See life-size human skeletons, explore the muscle system, or disassemble a larger-than-life animal cell, all without leaving the living room. A beautiful Georgian house set in beautiful gardens, Westbrook features chandeliers and antique furniture, giving it a refined sophistication. Only cash. It is right in front of the swan park entrance, with a seaside path. One of the biggest expenses for many middle-class families is school costs for their children. Many parents pay thousands of dollars a year to send their children to private schools – particularly those living in areas where public schools are of low quality. A 2014 comparison of real estate website Trulia found that in CEP with top public schools, only 4% of children go to private schools, compared to 19% of children in CEP with low-rated public schools. However, this does not mean that parents living in good school districts are spending less overall. Homes in these high-performing school districts typically cost much more than other homes in the same area – about 32% more, according to Trulia's study. Thus, for many families, the additional cost of housing adds up to more than what they would have paid for a private school. This means that parents who want the best education possible for their children have a difficult choice to make: pay directly for private school or pay indirectly for a house near a good public school. To find out which is best, they need to know how these two costs come together, and what options they have to keep costs down. The Cost of Private School According to data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), about 4.5 million American children were enrolled in private schools in More than 80% of these students were in schools with some kind of religious affiliation. About 43% were in Catholic schools, and another 37% went to schools identified as generally Christian, Jewish or a specific Christian denomination. About 68% of all private schools have religious orientation, while 32% are not religious. On average, the cost of private school tuition for the 2011-2012 school year was \$10,740 per child, according to NCES. That's a significant burden for a middle-class family. In 2014, the average national household income in the United States was \$53,657, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This means that a family that makes the median income would have to spend about 20% of their income to send only one child to a private school, and 40% for two children. However, the cost of enrollment varies significantly depending on the type of school. The average tuition cost was \$6,890 per year for Catholic schools, \$8,690 for other faith schools, and \$21,510 for non-sectarian schools. Thus, a middle-income family would pay less than 13% of their income to send a child to a Catholic school, but more than 40% to a non-religious school. The Cost of Public School The cost of private school is easy to identify – only a fixed number of dollars per year. Calculating the cost of public school is much more complicated. You have to know which neighborhoods parents choose for their schools, how much it costs to live in those neighborhoods, and how that cost is compared to the cost of living in other nearby neighborhoods. A good place to start is with Niche, a site that evaluates and comcants U.S. school districts based on factors such as student test scores, graduation rates, health and safety ratings, and parent and student assessments. Each year, Niche lists the 10 school districts it ranks as the best in America. For 2016, the number one school district on Niche's list is the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District. Centered in Tredyffrin Township, Pennsylvania – a suburb of Philadelphia – this district earns more ratings for its academic performance, faculty, extracurricular activities, and more. According to Trulia, the average price of home sales in this area is \$532,500. That adds up to a monthly mortgage payment of about \$2,610, based on a 30-year loan, a 20% down payment and a 4% interest rate. For a buyer who can only pay a 10% payment, the monthly payment jumps to \$3,072. In nearby Paoli, in contrast, Trulia says the average house price is only \$287,000, or \$1,407 per month. That's a difference of \$14,436 a year – about 34% more than the average cost of a private school tuition for a child. So a family with a child least living in Paoli and sending the child to a private school. However, a family with two or more children would spend less living in Tredyffrin Tredyffrin where the extra money paid for housing would cover school costs for all your children. A 2014 article on school cash costs comes to a similar conclusion. He likes the cost of private versus public school to two fictional families living in eastern Massachusetts: A family spends \$2,120 a month on a median-priced house in the village of Auburndale, which has some of the best public schools in the country; the other spends \$998 a month for a home in a neighborhood with middle schools, plus an average of \$782 per month for private school classes. Adding these two costs together, the private school family comes out ahead at \$340 a month. However, the math changes completely if both families have two children. In this case, the public school family saves a total of \$70,000 over the school years of both children. Keeping school costs under control In general, it seems that public schools – even those in expensive neighborhoods – are a better deal for families with multiple children, while private schools tend to be a better value only for children. However, this rule does not work for everyone. Parents who choose the right private school can reduce enrolment costs to an affordable level, even with multiple children in school at the same time. And on the other hand, making smart choices about housing can make life in a large school district an affordable choice, even with only one child. Private school options A way to make private school more accessible is to choose a school with lower tuition. As noted above, religious schools – particularly Catholic ones – tend to be much more accessible than non-sectarian private schools. Based on NCES numbers, a family could send two children to a Catholic school for an average cost of \$13,780 a year. That's a little less than the extra \$14,436 a year it costs to live in Tredyffrin Township instead of Paoli. Another private school option is a montessiduct school. These schools have taken an educational approach that focuses on allowing children to learn at their own pace, using all five senses. Most montessori programs are for younger children, but some extend into early adolescence. According to a 2009 survey by the North American Association of Montessori Teachers, the cost of a year at Montessori school varies widely, but the average price for elementary school students is about \$8,600. This makes Montessori schools more expensive than the typical Catholic school, but compared to other religious schools. Parents can also save money by starting their children in a public elementary school, then transferring them to a school According to Money's article, if their hypothetical private school family did this to two children, they would end up saving a total of \$71,000 compared to the family in the expensive school district. Private Private School Scholarships have trouble paying tuition from private schools can sometimes bring you to your financial reach through scholarships and other forms of financial aid. Some schools have their own financial aid programs, and others participate in national, regional, or state scholarship programs. Funding sources include: Children's Scholarship Fund. Originally started as a Washington Scholarship Fund, the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) now provides partial scholarships to low-income families across the country. Scholarships cover up to 75% of tuition costs, with the average amount reaching \$1,700 per child. They can be used for any type of school – religious, secular or even at home. To qualify for scholarships, families must meet with a child in elementary school and comply with the income guidelines of the National School Lunch Program. In 2015-2016, the fund provided grants to more than 24,000 students. To apply for a scholarship, parents need to contact one of csf's partner programs in 16 states; the amount of time the process takes depends on the specific program. The Young Scholars Program. Run by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, the Young Academic Program offers scholarships to elementary and high school students with first-rate grades. About 60 students receive scholarships each year, which can be for boarding school, diuscolar school or parish (religious) school. In addition to financial support, young students receive academic advice, access to special enrichment programs, and other resources. Families with incomes of up to \$95,000 can apply, but most Young Scholars come from families with incomes of less than \$60,000. The enrollment period runs from January to April, and students know by September if they have qualified for the aid. A better chance. This program is aimed at students of color from grades 4 to 9 who receive good overall grades and are active in extracurricular activities. The program does not provide scholarships, but refers to qualified students for more than 300 elementary and high schools across the country – religious and secular – and helps them apply for financial help from those schools. A Better Chance says that most students who apply through its program receive financial help, but do not give a specific percentage. The application process begins in February for the school year that begins 18 months later. There are many other scholarship and school voucher programs that operate in certain states or regions of the cuntry. Parents can visit programs in their area through the Private Schools website. Providing a home near the best public schools In general, neighborhoods with large are more expensive than other neighborhoods in the same general area. However, there are some notable exceptions to this rule. Neighborhood Neighborhood compiled a list of neighborhoods from the country's 20 largest metropolitan areas that combine good schools with affordable housing prices. For each neighborhood, the site lists the average house price and school district rating on a 100-point scale, based on factors such as class size and state test scores. For the top 10 metropolitan areas in the U.S., the main neighborhoods are: Metro Area Neighborhood Median House Value Public School Rating New York, NY Queens, NY \$234,924 92 Los Angeles, CA Los Alamitos, CA \$411,225 87 Chicago, IL Elmhurst, IL \$260,105 86 Dallas, TX Richardson, TX \$259,597 90 Philadelphia, PA Narberth, PAberth \$274,086 96 Houston, TX Friendswood, TX \$218,832 94 Washington, DC Laurel, MD \$279,307 88 Miami, FL Hallandale Beach, FL \$184,819 52 Atlanta, GA Fayetteville, GA \$202,980 65 Boston, MA Brookline, MA \$390,447 98 If the area you live in – or want to live in – isn't part of a large metropolitan area, the Scout Neighborhood can still help you find a good area with good schools. You can enter your state and region in the site's advanced search engine and then select your criteria for school quality, price, and other resources that are important to you, such as crime rates or walkability. However, to use this feature, you need to sign up for the site, which costs \$40 per month, \$90 per quarter, or \$192 per year. Another way to pay for a home in a high-end school district is to deliberately choose to live in a smaller house. In Tredyffrin Township, PA, for example, Zillow lists three-bedroom homes for only \$390,000. The mortgage payment for a house like this would reach about \$1,912 a month - a saving of \$698 per month, or \$8,376 a year, compared to the average house price. Final Word When choosing a place to live, the school district is not the only factor to consider. For starters, you want to find a house near your workplace, so you don't have to face a long commute every day – possibly even one that's close enough to allow you to walk or bike to work. Ideally, you would also like to be close to friends and family. And finally, you want to live in a neighborhood that's comfortable for you, with access to all the amenities you like – from local businesses to a good public library. So if the neighborhood you like the most isn't the one with the best schools, don't give up on it. Instead, grind some numbers and see how much you could save by combining an affordable home with a private school. Or, on the other hand, if the place you're in love with has a great school district and high housing prices, look for ways to find an affordable home in that neighborhood. Have you studied in a public school or in private school? Which one would you choose for your children? Children? Children?

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