

👋 Hey there! Check out the latest in family, faith and education news, courtesy of your friends at See.Spark.Go.

Parents everywhere are unsure as to what this fall will look like for their children, but one thing's for certain: our sense of "normal" has shifted. Many parents are considering [alternative options](#) to traditional public school.



With virtual learning on the rise, parents are exploring hybrid homeschooling and micro-schools. Hybrid homeschooling offers a mix of the traditional and homeschooling models with flexibility, structure and increased parental involvement, whereas micro-schooling offers a tailored curriculum taught by a teacher to a small group of students.

#### **Takeaways:**

- Hybrid school fees can range from \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year, whereas the average American public school student costs taxpayers \$13,000 a year to educate.
- Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) exist in some states, allowing eligible families to enroll their children in non-traditional public schools.
- As parents transition to hybrid homeschooling options this fall, additional resources may be needed to support the home curriculum.

#### **News Round Up**

👋 Homeschool devotees are clapping back at haters. [Read more here.](#)

🌐 These high schoolers are doing more than watching Netflix and baking cookies during quarantine; instead, they're educating kids on important world issues. Read more about their [empowering story](#).

💡 Dialogue surrounding [the intersection of faith-based and public education systems](#) is top of mind.

😬 Unsure if you want to be your child's teacher this fall? Parents are exploring the possibility of [hiring a tutor](#).

📱 In this day and age, we are constantly struggling with information overload, and our attention spans can't take it! [Here's how educators can combat this](#).

💰 The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) fears [significant loss of public education jobs](#) if not prioritized in the next stimulus package.

👶 The coronavirus shutdown has revealed [big problems in childcare](#) relating to economic and social issues. Parents wonder if anything will change now.

🧠 Strains on children's mental health is a [rising issue](#). Enter: play therapy.