

# Comparing Your Options

	Barlow Park Charter	Journey Project	Odyssey Academy
Charter School	✓		✓
Virtual Instruction			✓
Project Lead the Way Science & Engineering Curriculum	✓	✓	
Occasional Multi-Age Groups	✓	✓	✓
Small Group or One-on-One Help as Needed	✓	✓	✓
Differentiated for Students	✓		✓
Traditional Grade Levels	✓	✓	✓
Project-Based School		✓	✓

Being the parent of a K-2 elementary student in Ripon means having a choice. Children can thrive in all types of classrooms.

In June of 2010, Wisconsin adopted the Common Core State Standards. This means that all of Wisconsin's school districts use the same curriculum goals for each grade level. What is different from school to school is the way in which the curriculum is taught, also known as the delivery method.


# Contact Information

If you are not sure which option would be best for your child please contact our school staff for assistance.


- If your child is a current student, please talk with their classroom teacher.
- If your child will be a new student in the district please contact the principals below.



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**Journey Project School**  
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# Ripon Area School District

## School Choice Kindergarten - Grade 2

Same Learning Goals  
Three Different Delivery Styles



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## What is Barlow Park Charter School?

Barlow Park Charter is a K-2 competency-based school. Literacy and Math learners work in flexible groups based on each individual's needs. The school offers purposeful play-based learning opportunities.

## What Does the Learning Look Like?

Learners begin their day with same-aged peers in a morning meeting. Next, learners go to their math block with others who have the same needs. Literacy block follows with learners grouped with others who have the same needs. Lunch, recess, specials, writing, science, and social studies are with same-aged peers. In the afternoons, learners practice social-emotional learning skills through play workshop.

## What Does the Classroom Look Like?

Learners spend more than half of their day with a homeroom class and their same-aged peers. For literacy and math, learners are grouped based on their needs. This might mean they have a different teacher or a multi-age classroom for part of the day.

## Why Choose Barlow Park Charter?

Parents may choose Barlow Charter because they want personalized instruction in literacy and math. Their child will have opportunities to learn through purposefully planned play-based activities. Learners will grow in:

- working with others
- social skills
- creativity through play
- problem solving



## What is Journey Project School?

Journey Project School is a K-2 Project-Based Learning (PBL) school focusing on age-appropriate success skills in the areas of communication, collaboration, and critical thinking. PBL is a form of active learning in which students often work in collaboration for longer period of time while using inquiry-based approaches.

## What Does the Learning Look Like?

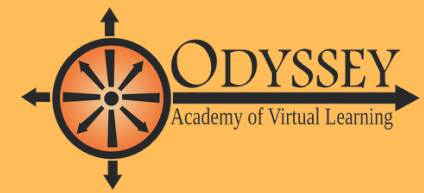
Learners are taught basic knowledge to tackle realistic problems typically in the areas of science and social studies, often integrating literacy and math. Teachers present an authentic real-world situation, provide background information and serve as facilitators of inquiry and reflection. Learners research the problem, often working in pairs or small groups. Other key elements include student voice and choice, critique and revision, and creating a public product by presenting and explaining the project to people beyond the classroom.

## What Does the Classroom Look Like?

Learners spend most of their day with same-aged peers and homeroom teacher. Multi-Age Time occurs one to two times per week with mixed age groupings and another Journey teacher. Multi-Age enhances PBL skills with shorter challenges. Learners enjoy open-ended problems in small groups while using rubrics to guide individual goals in a specific success skill being taught.

## Why Choose Journey Project School?

Parents often choose Journey Project School for an inquiry-based, hands-on approach of learning to foster communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills in their children.



## What is Odyssey Academy?

Odyssey is a tuition-free, 4K-12 public school supporting parents across the state who want to educate their children at home while still receiving a high level of support from the school.

## What Does the Learning Look Like?

Learners receive flexible, personalized instruction at home. Each learner has an individualized learning plan that could include printed activities, project-based learning events, or online instruction. There are opportunities to interact with peers through clubs, field trips, and student organizations. Parents receive funds to support each child's learning but also receive support from a professional, licensed teacher.

## What Does the Classroom Look Like?

Learners have a teacher just like in a brick and mortar classroom. They meet virtually with their teacher and classmates at regularly scheduled times each week depending on the individual's needs.

## Why Choose Odyssey?

Parents choose Odyssey because they want more control of their child's education while still receiving a high level of support from the school.