WEST RIVER ACADEMY

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An Accredited American Education. Real Learning. Official Academic Records.

Turning Life Experiences into Academic Credit







A practical guide for Indian families exploring West River Academy, how the learning model works, what accreditation means, how transcripts are prepared, and what to consider before enrolling.

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Welcome to West River Academy

Dear Parent,

Choosing an educational pathway is a personal decision, particularly when your child's interests, learning needs or commitments do not fit easily into a conventional school timetable.

You may already be coordinating tutors, online courses, independent study, sports, creative activities or other learning experiences. You may also be wondering how this learning can be documented through a formal academic record.

This guide explains how West River Academy works, the role you play as an educational coordinator, how academic transcripts are prepared, what accreditation means, and what you should consider regarding university admission and recognition in India.

Our aim is to help you make an informed decision about whether this pathway is appropriate for your child.



About West River Academy

A U.S. private school built on 30+ years of one idea

West River Academy was founded in Colorado in 1993 by educator Peggy Webb, on the belief that children learn best when education is shaped around them – not the other way around. Since then, it has issued transcripts and diplomas to families in more than 50 countries, without ever requiring a fixed textbook, syllabus, or board exam.

1993	50+	10,000+	Open
Founded in Colorado, USA	Countries served	Students supported	Year-round enrollment



Why Families Look Beyond Boards

CBSE, Cambridge and the IB provide structured academic programmes that work well for many students. They offer defined curricula, assessment systems and established educational pathways.

However, some students have circumstances that make a conventional school structure difficult to sustain.

- **Competitive athletes and performers**: Training, competitions and rehearsals may require substantial time and flexibility.
- **Independent learners:** Some students already learn through online courses, projects, independent study and other resources.
- **Globally mobile families:** Frequent relocation can make continuity in a conventional school difficult.
- **Families coordinating multiple learning resources:** Tutors, learning centres and online programmes may already form part of a child's education.
- **Students with an interrupted academic journey:** Some families need to explore options for completing the remaining high-school requirements, subject to the applicable enrolment and transfer rules.

These circumstances do not automatically make West River Academy the right choice. The important question is whether the family's learning model and educational goals align with WRA's requirements.

Why West River Academy

Real Learning, Converted Into an Official Academic Record

West River Academy offers a different approach. Instead of prescribing a syllabus, it works with families to document a student's learning and represent it through an official U.S. academic transcript.

- **A record of actual learning:** Coursework, projects and other documented experiences can contribute to academic credit where appropriately mapped and reviewed.
- **A coordinated learning environment:** Families can organise resources such as tutors, online courses, learning centres and mentors.
- **Academic review:** WRA advisors review the proposed transcript with the family.
- **Flexibility:** Students can organise their learning around their individual circumstances and interests.





How It Works

Four steps, from enrollment to diploma

1

Enroll
Open enrollment, year-round – no entrance test. We help transfer records from your child's previous school.

2

Design the year
You and your child decide what they'll focus on. There's no required curriculum or textbook list to follow.

3

Report and earn credit
At year's end, you send a summary of what was learned. WRA's advisors work with you to build a transcript that represents your learning.

4

Graduate
After 4 high school years (including transferred credits), students present an educational-journey project and receive their diploma.

How WRA Compares

An honest, side-by-side look

Feature	West River Academy	CBSE	IGCSE	IB
Diploma issued by	U.S. private school (NALSAS-accredited)	Indian board	UK-based board (Cambridge)	International board
Set curriculum & syllabus	None – family-directed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
External examinations	None	Board exams	Board exams	Board exams
Admission process	Open enrollment	School-dependent	School-dependent	School-dependent
Best fit for	Self-directed learners, flexible schedules	Structured academic track	Structured academic track	Structured academic track

This is a structural comparison, not a ranking — WRA does not administer exams or require a set syllabus. University acceptance of a transcript varies by institution; we encourage families to verify with their target universities before enrolling

Accreditation – In Plain Terms

What Accreditation Means for West River Academy

West River Academy is accredited by the National Association for the Legal Support of Alternative Schools (NALSAS).

NALSAS accreditation is distinct from regional accreditation in the United States. It is also different from curriculum authorities such as CBSE, Cambridge and the IB, which operate defined academic programmes and assessment frameworks.

WRA's model is based on documenting and reviewing learning undertaken by students and their families. Its transcripts and graduation credentials are issued by the Academy, subject to the applicable requirements.

West River Academy is a Colorado-incorporated U.S. school and is listed as a private school with the California Department of Education.

What About Recognition in India?

West River Academy is a U.S. school. Its diploma has been accepted by universities in the United States and many other countries. Recognition by Indian universities is decided case by case through the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and is not guaranteed.

Families intending to apply to Indian universities should verify the applicable equivalence and admission requirements directly before enrolling.

Families who require an Indian board certificate for domestic university admissions or entrance examinations should explore an appropriate Indian pathway, including NIOS.

Our recommendation: Identify your child's intended educational destination before enrolling and confirm the qualification requirements that apply there.



What Families Say

From WRA's global community

"West River Academy is wonderful. It is so non-invasive of your family and you can school whatever way you want! I highly recommend you to everyone I know."

— Coni, Kentucky, USA

"We would have never been able to engineer a turnaround for our son without the flexibility that West River Academy provided and allowed him to complete his education."

— Gwen & Bob, Colorado, USA



Your Next Step

Let'stalk about yourchild

- Book a free discovery conversation with India Market Entry - Official India Partner We'll discuss your child's age, current school, and goals.
- If it's a fit, we'll walk you through enrollment and records transfer.

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