



COMPARING & CONTRASTING AMISH SCHOOLS VERSUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AMISH

VS

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION

- Run on a human scale
- Operated by parents, no administrative bureaucracy
- Stress Tradition

- Run on organization scale
- Operated by professionals, has administrative bureaucracy
- Stress progress

TEACHERS & SUBJECTS

- Teachers chosen for Christian example
- Teachers hired only for Plain Community
- Teachers are generalists
- Favor correct knowledge
- Rejects technology
- Ranks penmanship as a skill
- Have no kindergarten
- Lesson material limited

- Teachers chosen for ability and training
- Teachers hired with diverse backgrounds
- Teachers are specialists
- Favor critical thinking
- Favors technology
- Rejects penmanship as a skill
- Have kindergarten
- Use large lesson materials

BELIEFS & VALUES

- Value cooperation & humility
- Favor group identity
- See child as a future Plain person with a soul
- Believe truth is revealed in the Bible
- Stress believing

- Value competition & pride in accomplishment
- Favor individual expression
- See a child as a citizen with intellect
- Search for truth
- Stress questioning