







SCHOOL CHOICE IN WYOMING

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

	 Traditional Public Schools	Public Charter Schools 	 Magnet Public Schools	Online Learning 	 Private Schools	Home Education 
AVAILABILITY	broad*	limited	limited*	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN WYOMING...	<p>Traditional public schools are available for families throughout the state. States that allow families access to their choice of traditional public schools offer what's called "open enrollment."</p> <p>Wyoming parents should check with their local school district if they wish to participate in open enrollment, since the state allows districts to set their own open enrollment policies.</p>	<p>Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.</p> <p>Public charter schools are available for families in parts of Wyoming. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or by the State Loan and Investment Board.</p>	<p>Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.</p> <p>Currently, NSCW is not aware of any freestanding public magnet schools in Wyoming, but there may be magnet programs available in traditional public schools.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Wyoming offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Wyoming Virtual Academy, Wyoming Connections Academy, Cowboy State Virtual Academy, and Tech Trep Academy.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>Starting in 2025, families who fall below a certain income level may be eligible for a state-run scholarship program.</p>	<p>All parents in Wyoming have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents must provide an annual notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p>

*For more information, visit: schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-wyoming



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