

School choice in



Alaska

School choice is the process of allowing every family to choose the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FREE

TO ATTEND



WIDELY AVAILABLE

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."

In Alaska, parents of students who are assigned to persistently dangerous schools may be able to transfer their children to another school in their district, based on the state's limited open enrollment laws.

CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FREE

TO ATTEND



PARTIALLY AVAILABLE

Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.

Public charter schools are available for families in some parts of Alaska. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts.

MAGNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FREE

TO ATTEND



WIDELY AVAILABLE

Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.

ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



NOT AVAILABLE

Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.

NSCW was unable to find a free, full-time online school in Alaska. Middle- and high-school students in certain Alaska districts can enroll in online courses through the Alaska Digital Academy for a fee. Additionally, Alaska has many correspondence school offerings, some of which are free, that families can choose from.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

\$ FREE

FREE TO SOME



WIDELY AVAILABLE

Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.

There are no state-run scholarship options in Alaska, but private scholarships may be available.

HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Alaska have the freedom to homeschool their children. Currently, parents are not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool their children. However, please check for updated laws and regulations before proceeding. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.

