



School choice in



# Delaware

**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



PARTIALLY 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."

Delaware parents may choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district, based on the state's flexible 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 across Delaware. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or the state.

## 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 online school in Delaware, but paid options are available.

## 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 Delaware, but private scholarships may be available.

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Delaware have the freedom to homeschool their children. Parents must provide an annual notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.

