



## School choice in



# Florida

**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."

Florida 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



WIDELY 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 Florida. 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. Florida has many magnet schools throughout the state.

### ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



WIDELY AVAILABLE

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

Florida has the largest state virtual school in the nation: Florida Virtual School. Families have other options too, including Florida Connections Academy, Florida Cyber Charter Academy, and Florida Online School.

### 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 and nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.

Florida's state-run scholarship programs extend to students in families with modest incomes, students with an Individualized Education Plan, and victims of violence in public schools, in addition to a few other student groups. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

### HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Florida have the freedom to homeschool their children. Parents must provide a one-time notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects but does require some level of assessment, testing, or evaluation of homeschooled students.

