



School choice in



Indiana

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

TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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."

Parents within Indianapolis city limits may be able to choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district. School districts can also choose to participate in open enrollment in other circumstances. In particular, parents can request that their child transfer to another district if there are crowded conditions at their current school or if another school offers curriculum important to their child's vocational aspirations.

CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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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 Indiana. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, colleges or universities, other agencies, or an independent, statewide approval board.

MAGNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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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. Indiana has several 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.

Indiana has several free, full-time online learning options, including Indiana Connections Academy, Indiana Digital Learning School, Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy, and Insight School of Indiana.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS



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.

Parents in Indiana can take tax deductions for private school or homeschool expenses, and families under a certain income level can qualify for state-run scholarships for private schools. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Indiana 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.

