



# School choice in



# Kansas

**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."

Kansas parents should check with their local school district if they wish to choose a different traditional public school than the one they are assigned. The state allows districts to set their own open enrollment policies.

## 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 parts of Kansas. 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



WIDELY AVAILABLE

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

Kansas offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, such as Kansas Virtual Academy, Kansas Connections Academy, and Insight School of Kansas.

## 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.

Kansas students in underperforming schools meeting certain income guidelines can qualify for state-run scholarship programs. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Kansas 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 and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.

