



School choice in



Louisiana

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."

In general, Louisiana parents should check with their local school district if they wish to participate in open enrollment, since the state allows districts to set their own open enrollment policies. The state only requires districts to offer open enrollment in certain circumstances, such as when students wish to transfer from a school in academic distress to a school that is not in academic distress.

CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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 Louisiana. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or the state.

MAGNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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. Louisiana 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.

Louisiana offers several free, full-time online learning options for students such as Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy or University View Academy.

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.

Louisiana families can deduct nonpublic educational expenses from their taxes, and families with incomes below a certain level can qualify for state-run scholarships. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Louisiana 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 requires homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and also requires some level of assessment, testing, or evaluation of homeschooled students.

