



School choice in



Missouri

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."

Missouri parents who live in school districts that have lost state accreditation may be able to choose any traditional public school in another district.

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



PARTIALLY AVAILABLE

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

Missouri public school students have access to individual online courses or free, full-time on-line programs through Missouri Connections Academy and MOCAP (Missouri Course Access Program). Some districts only allow classes to be taken on campus while others allow for full-time virtual learning.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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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 Missouri, but private scholarships may be available.

HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Missouri 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 requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.

