



School choice in



# North Dakota

**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."

North Dakota 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.

## CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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NOT AVAILABLE

Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.

Public charter schools are not available or allowed in North Dakota. This information is accurate as of 2020; future legislative action may allow for the creation of charter schools in the state.

## MAGNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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PARTIALLY AVAILABLE

Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.

Currently, we are not aware of any freestanding public magnet schools in North Dakota, but there may be magnet programs available in traditional public schools.

## ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



NOT AVAILABLE

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

NSCW was unable to find a full-time, free online school in North Dakota, but paid options are available.

## 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.

There are no state-run scholarship options in North Dakota, but private scholarships may be available.

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in North Dakota 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.

