



# School choice in

# Utah



**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."

As long as there is capacity, Utah parents may choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district, based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws.

## CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

## 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.

Utah offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Utah Online School, Utah Connections Academy and Utah Virtual 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.

Utah students with special needs may qualify for a state-run scholarship program. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Utah 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 does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.

