



School choice in



# Colorado

**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."

## OPEN ENROLLMENT



WIDELY AVAILABLE

Colorado parents may be able to choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district, based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws.

## CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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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 Colorado. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or an independent statewide approval board.

## MAGNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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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. Colorado has more than 20 magnet schools throughout the state.

## ONLINE LEARNING



WIDELY AVAILABLE

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

Colorado offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Colorado Connections Academy, Colorado Virtual Academy, Colorado Preparatory Academy, Destinations Career Academy of Colorado, Pikes Peak Online School, and GOAL 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.

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

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Colorado 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.