



# School choice in



# Nebraska

**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

Nebraska 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



TO ATTEND

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 Nebraska. This information is accurate as of 2021; future legislative action may allow for the creation of charter schools in 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. Nebraska has some magnet schools throughout the state.

## ONLINE LEARNING



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 free, full-time online school in Nebraska, but paid options may be 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 Nebraska, but private scholarships may be available.

## HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in Nebraska 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 certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.