



School choice in



South Carolina

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



PARTIALLY AVAILABLE

South Carolina 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



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

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.

ONLINE LEARNING



WIDELY AVAILABLE

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

South Carolina offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like South Carolina Virtual Charter School, South Carolina Connections Academy, and Cyber Academy of South Carolina.

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.

South Carolina students with disabilities may qualify for a state-run scholarship program. Additional funding may be available from other sources.

HOME EDUCATION



WIDELY AVAILABLE

All parents in South Carolina 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.

