

SCHOOL CHOICE IN COLORADO

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

	 Traditional Public Schools	Public Charter Schools 	 Magnet Public Schools	Online Learning 	 Private Schools	Home Education 
AVAILABILITY	broad	broad	broad	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN COLORADO...	<p>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."</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.</p> <p>Colorado has more than 20 magnet schools throughout the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Colorado offers several free, full-time online learning options for students statewide, like Colorado Connections Academy, Colorado Virtual Academy, and Colorado Preparatory Academy. Some of the state's online schools are public charter schools, while others are managed by traditional districts.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>There are no state-run scholarship options in Colorado, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Colorado have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>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.</p>

