

SCHOOL CHOICE IN

INDIANA

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 INDIANA...	<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>Parents within Indianapolis city limits can apply to transfer to any traditional public school. In other districts, parents can request a transfer to a public school of their choice as long as the school allows open enrollment.</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 Indiana. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, colleges and universities, an independent statewide approval board, or other agencies.</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>Indiana has several 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>Indiana has several free, full-time online learning options. These include Indiana Connections Academy, Indiana Digital Learning School, Indiana Gateway Digital Academy, Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy, and Achieve Virtual.</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>Indiana parents can take tax deductions for private school expenses. Students under a certain income level, and students with special needs, can qualify for state-run scholarships. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Indiana have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents are currently not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool their children. However, please check updated laws and regulations before proceeding. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.</p>

* For more information, visit: schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-indiana



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