

SCHOOL CHOICE IN MINNESOTA

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 MINNESOTA...	<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>Minnesota families can choose a traditional public school outside of their district based on the state's open enrollment laws, and may be able to choose another school within their district, depending on the school board.</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 Minnesota. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, colleges and universities, or nonprofit organizations.</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>Minnesota 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>Any student who lives in Minnesota can attend a full-time online school like Minnesota Connections Academy, Minnesota Virtual Academy, IQ Academy of Minnesota, Tonka Online, Eden Prairie Online, Saint Paul Public Schools Online, One91 Virtual Academy, 5Rivers Online, or Minnesota Public Schools Online.</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>Minnesota parents are eligible for tax deductions on educational expenses, including tuition payments and homeschooling expenses. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Minnesota 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>

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



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