

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW JERSEY

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	none*	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN NEW JERSEY...	<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>New Jersey 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.</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 in parts of New Jersey. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by the state.</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>New Jersey 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>Unfortunately, New Jersey does not have a free, full-time online school option. New Jersey Virtual School offers full-time and credit-recovery enrollment to students in grades 6-12 for a fee.</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 New Jersey, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in New Jersey have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents are currently not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool. But, please check updated laws and regulations before proceeding. The state requires parents to give their children an education academically "equivalent" to what they would receive at public school, but does not require standardized testing.</p>

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



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