







SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW MEXICO

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	limited	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN NEW MEXICO...	<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 Mexico parents who live near low-performing schools may transfer their children to another school within or outside their district. Parents in other cases should check with their local school district.</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 New Mexico. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or 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 Mexico has several magnet schools and programs across the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>In New Mexico there are free, full-time online learning options for students, such as New Mexico Connections Academy, Pecos Cyber Academy, eCademy K8 and High School, and New Mexico Destinations Career Academy.</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 Mexico, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in New Mexico have the freedom to homeschool their children, provided that the parent holds a high school diploma.</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 certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p>

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



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