

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW YORK

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	limited	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN NEW YORK...	<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 York 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 across New York. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, the state, or colleges and universities.</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 York 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>NSCW was unable to find a free online school that operates statewide in New York, but localized online learning options or paid options may be available. For example, New York City is opening two fully virtual public schools that are only serving ninth-grade students at this time.</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 York, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in New York 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>

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