SCHOOL CHOICE IN

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 OREGON	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." Oregon established temporary open enrollment between school districts in 2012; this policy ended in 2019. Currently, open enrollment is not widely available, though families may request a transfer in some cases.	Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement. Public charter schools are available for families across Oregon. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, the state, or colleges and universities.	Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts. There are several magnet schools in Oregon.	Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes. Oregon offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Clackamas Web Academy, Metro East Web Academy, Oregon Charter Academy, Oregon Family School, Sheridan AllPrep Academy, Silvies River Charter School, TEACH-NW, and Willamette Connections Academy.	Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships. There are no state- run scholarship options in Oregon, but private scholarships may be available.	All parents in Oregon have the freedom to homeschool their children. Parents must provide a one-time notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects but does require some level of assessment, testing, or evaluation.

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