
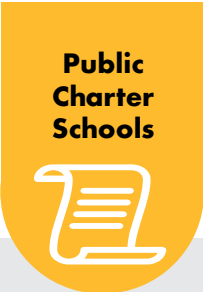






SCHOOL CHOICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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	none	limited*	limited	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN SOUTH DAKOTA...	<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>South Dakota parents may choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district, based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws.</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 not available or allowed in South Dakota. This information is accurate as of 2022; future legislative action may allow for the creation of charter schools in 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>Currently, South Dakota does not have freestanding public magnet schools, but there may be magnet programs available in traditional public schools.</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, state-wide online school in South Dakota, but some local school districts participate in online learning communities and allow students to take online classes full-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>South Dakota families with income below certain thresholds and students in foster care may qualify for a state-run scholarship program. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in South Dakota have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents must provide a one-time notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p>

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



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