

SCHOOL CHOICE IN VERMONT

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 VERMONT...	<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>Vermont high school students may be able to choose any traditional public school, based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws. Transfers are readily available for younger grades as well.</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 Vermont. 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, Vermont has at least two magnet schools.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>While Vermont does not offer a free, full-time online school for all grades statewide, students can take courses through the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative. For the 2022-2023 school year, K-8 public school students can access full-time online learning through the cooperative for free. In other cases, fees may apply.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent.</p> <p>Students in specific Vermont towns are eligible for a tuitioning program, which funds their attendance at public or private schools outside their communities. Recently Vermont approved 15 private religious schools for participation in this program. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Vermont 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>

