







SCHOOL CHOICE IN WISCONSIN

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 WISCONSIN...	<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>In Wisconsin, parents may be able to choose a traditional public school in another district. Schools can also choose to participate in open enrollment within a 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 Wisconsin. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts 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>Wisconsin has several magnet choices throughout the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Wisconsin offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Wisconsin Connections Academy, Wisconsin Virtual Learning, and Wisconsin Virtual 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>Any Wisconsin taxpayer can deduct the cost of private school tuition. Students who meet certain income limits, or students with special needs, may qualify for state-run scholarships. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Wisconsin 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 certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p>

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



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