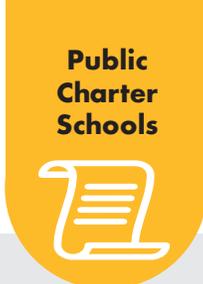


SCHOOL CHOICE IN WEST VIRGINIA

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*	limited	limited	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN WEST VIRGINIA...	<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>West Virginia 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>West Virginia's first four charter schools opened for the 2022-2023 school year. These include two brick-and-mortar charter schools and two virtual charter schools.</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>West Virginia has a handful of magnet schools in the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>West Virginia students can choose to attend the Virtual Preparatory Academy of West Virginia or West Virginia Virtual Academy. Additionally, students may be able to access part-time or full-time online learning for free through the West Virginia Virtual School in partnership with their local school district.</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>Students currently enrolled in public school or about to enter kindergarten may be eligible for West Virginia's new Hope Scholarship. This lets families use their education tax dollars for private school tuition, tutoring, or other learning expenses.</p>	<p>All parents in West Virginia have the freedom to homeschool their children, provided they meet certain requirements.</p> <p>Parents must provide a notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, and also may require some level of assessment, testing, or evaluation of homeschoolers.</p>

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



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