







# SCHOOL CHOICE IN ARIZONA

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

	 <b>Traditional Public Schools</b>	<b>Public Charter Schools</b> 	 <b>Magnet Public Schools</b>	<b>Online Learning</b> 	 <b>Private Schools</b>	<b>Home Education</b> 
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free to some</b>	<b>free to some</b>
<b>IN ARIZONA...</b>	<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>Arizona 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 available for families across Arizona. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by colleges or universities, school districts, or an independent, statewide approval board.</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>There are many magnet school options in Arizona.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Arizona students can choose from many free, full-time online schools, including Primavera Online School, Arizona Virtual Academy, Arizona Connections Academy, Astravo Online Academy, Sequoia Choice Arizona Distance Learning, and ASU Prep Digital.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent.</p> <p>Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>Arizona offers a variety of state-run scholarship programs, including an Empowerment Scholarship Account program that all students are eligible to apply for. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Arizona 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.</p> <p>The state requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p> <p>Homeschool students in Arizona are eligible to apply for state-funded scholarships.</p>

