







SCHOOL CHOICE IN IDAHO

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 IDAHO...	<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>Idaho 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 Idaho. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, an independent statewide approval board, 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>Idaho has more than 20 magnet schools throughout the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Idaho offers several full-time, free online learning options for students, like Inspire Connections Academy, Idaho Virtual Academy, and Gem Prep Online. Additionally, some districts have developed online schools, like Boise Online School, that accept student transfers into their program.</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>There are no state-run scholarship options in Idaho, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Idaho have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents are currently not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool their children. However, please check for updated laws and regulations before proceeding. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p>

