







# SCHOOL CHOICE IN KENTUCKY

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> 
AVAILABILITY	<b>broad*</b>	<b>none*</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>limited</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>
COST	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free to some</b>	<b>varies</b>
IN KENTUCKY...	<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>Kentucky parents may be able to choose any traditional public school based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws. Note that in some cases there may be fees attached for out-of-district transfer students.</p>	<p>Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.</p> <p>While a 2017 law permitted public charter schools in Kentucky, they lacked a permanent funding source until spring 2022. As a result, no charter schools have opened as of yet, but they will be available soon! In Kentucky, charter schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or other agencies.</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>Kentucky has several 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>NSCW was unable to find a free online school available statewide in Kentucky. But, some districts offer online learning programs. Plus, part-time or full-time courses may be available at a fee via Barren Academy of Virtual and Expanded Learning, The Corbin School of Innovation, or Jefferson County Public Schools eSchool.</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 active state-run scholarship options in Kentucky, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Kentucky 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-kentucky](https://schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-kentucky)



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