







SCHOOL CHOICE IN OKLAHOMA

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 OKLAHOMA... | <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>Oklahoma students can request a transfer to a school in any district. The state does allow districts to set capacity limits for transfer students. Parents can appeal to the local school board if their transfer request is denied.</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 in parts of Oklahoma. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, colleges and universities, or the state.</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>Oklahoma has several magnet schools and programs that families can consider.</p> | <p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Oklahoma offers several online schools, including Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy, Oklahoma Connections Academy, Epic Charter School, Insight School of Oklahoma (grades 6-12), E-School Virtual Charter Academy, and Oklahoma Information and Technology School (grades 6-7).</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>Oklahoma students with special needs, students in certain underperforming schools, or students who meet certain income guidelines can qualify for state-run scholarships. Starting in January 2024, any private school student will be eligible for a tax credit up to \$7,500 for private school tuition.</p> | <p>All parents in Oklahoma have the freedom to homeschool their children. Parents are currently not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool their children. However, please check updated laws and regulations before proceeding.</p> <p>The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers. Starting in January 2024, homeschoolers can apply for a \$1,000 tax credit for learning expenses.</p> |

