







SCHOOL CHOICE IN MICHIGAN

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 MICHIGAN...	<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>In Michigan, parents of students who are assigned to low-performing schools may be able to transfer their children to another school in their district. School districts can also choose to allow open enrollment in other circumstances.</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 Michigan. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts 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>Michigan has several magnet schools throughout the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options.</p> <p>Michigan offers many free, full-time online learning options, including Michigan Connections Academy, Highpoint Virtual Academy of Michigan, Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy, Uplift Michigan, Michigan Cyber Academy, West Michigan Virtual Academy, iCademy Global, and Michigan International Prep School.</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 Michigan, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Michigan have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Families using Michigan's homeschooling statute are currently not required to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool. But, please check 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>

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



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