
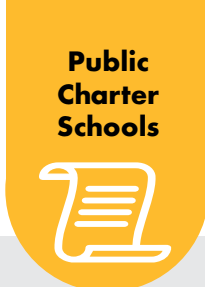






SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEBRASKA

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	none	broad	limited	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN NEBRASKA...	<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 general, Nebraska parents can 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 not available or allowed in Nebraska. This information is accurate as of 2022; future legislative action may allow for the creation of charter schools in 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>Nebraska has some 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 Nebraska, but some districts offer online programs for local students. Paid options are also available.</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>Starting in 2024, a tax-credit scholarship will be available for low and middle-income students.</p>	<p>All parents in Nebraska 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>

