
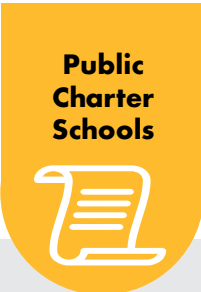






# SCHOOL CHOICE IN CONNECTICUT

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

|                          |  <p><b>Traditional Public Schools</b></p>   |  <p><b>Public Charter Schools</b></p>  |  <p><b>Magnet Public Schools</b></p>   |  <p><b>Online Learning</b></p>  |  <p><b>Private Schools</b></p>   |  <p><b>Home Education</b></p>  |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>AVAILABILITY</b>      | <b>broad*</b>   | <b>broad</b>   | <b>broad</b>   | <b>none*</b>   | <b>broad</b>   | <b>broad</b>   |
| <b>COST</b>              | <b>free</b>   | <b>free</b>  | <b>free</b>  | <b>free</b>  | <b>free to some</b>  | <b>varies</b>  |
| <b>IN CONNECTICUT...</b> | <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 Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven, and New London, parents can choose public schools outside of their district if there is space. Districts can also choose to participate in open enrollment in other areas.</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 Connecticut. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by 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>Connecticut 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 in Connecticut, but paid options are available. Many Connecticut districts offer online options for credit recovery.</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 Connecticut, but private scholarships may be available.</p> | <p>All parents in Connecticut have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>It is recommended for parents to provide a notice of their intent to homeschool their children. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects, but does not require homeschoolers to take standardized tests.</p> |

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