







# SCHOOL CHOICE IN DELAWARE

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>
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</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 DELAWARE...</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>Delaware parents may 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 available for families across Delaware. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts 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>Delaware has a few 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>Delaware does not have an official state online school, but the Christina School District in New Castle offers a fully virtual academy. Families outside the district can use open enrollment to attend. Also, some high schools allow students to participate in the University of Delaware's online dual enrollment courses.</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 Delaware, but private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Delaware 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 does not require homeschooling parents to teach certain subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.</p>

