







SCHOOL CHOICE IN KANSAS

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*	limited	broad	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN KANSAS...	<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>Currently, Kansas districts can set their own open enrollment policies for transfers within districts. Starting in 2024, students will be able to transfer to any public school district they choose with the room to take them.</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 Kansas. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts.</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>There are several magnet schools throughout Kansas, including ones in Wichita, Hutchinson, Kansas City, and Topeka.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Kansas offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, such as Lawrence Virtual School, the Kansas Online Learning Program, Andover eAcademy, Manhattan Virtual Academy, E-School Virtual Charter Academy, Maize Virtual Preparatory School, and Kansas Connections Academy.</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>Kansas students receiving free or reduced price lunches at any K-8 school are eligible for a state-run scholarship program. Students below a certain income level are eligible for a state-run scholarship program. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Kansas have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents must provide a one-time notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.</p>

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