



School choice in Florida



Traditional Public Schools: Traditional public schools are operated by school districts, free to attend, open to all students, and funded by taxpayers. Some states allow parents to send their children to any public school, regardless of where it is located. This is called "Open Enrollment."

📍 *Florida offers families unrestricted open enrollment in any district, without limitations.*

Charter Schools: Public charter schools are public schools that are free to attend, open to all students, and funded by taxpayers. Charter schools are given more freedom to decide how they operate, in exchange for specific accountability provisions.

📍 *Parents can choose from many charter schools around the state.*

Magnet Schools: Public magnet schools are public schools, free to attend, and funded by taxpayers. Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.

Private Schools: Private schools are nonpublic schools that charge tuition. Some private schools are faith-based, and others are non-sectarian. Effective in 2018, the federal government now allows parents to save for K-12 private school tuition using tax-preferred 529 savings accounts. Some states also offer state-authorized scholarship programs or education savings accounts to assist parents with tuition, in addition to privately-available scholarships or tuition assistance.

📍 *Florida offers scholarship programs for private schooling.*

Online Learning: There are two types of online learning: online academies and course access. Virtual academies instruct students through online or digital classes. Most of these schools are public, free to attend, and funded by taxpayers. Course access allows parents to combine public online learning with homeschooling or private education.

📍 *Florida offers families tuition-free, full-time online public schooling. It also offers **course access options** for private and homeschool students at no cost.*

Home Education: Homeschooling is the process of parents educating students at home. Homeschooling is permitted in all 50 states, and many homeschool families choose to participate in curriculum sharing groups, online learning activities, or cooperatives to enhance their home education.



Why Celebrate National School Choice Week?

"We are excited to be part of the over 30,000 School Choice Week events taking place around the country. Our free event offers a fun filled family day with lots of activities and performers while providing parents with all of the necessary information on all of the school choice options available to them."

—Wendy Howard, longtime school choice advocate



2018 National School Choice Week Events