

SCHOOL CHOICE IN ALABAMA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ May charge tuition for open enrollment transfers
- ✓ Can transfer to a different public school if you are zoned for a "failing school"



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools
- ✓ Must take any student who applies if there is a seat available - including students with disabilities
- ✓ Schools have fixed application deadlines
- ✓ If applications exceed available seats, a lottery is held



PUBLIC MAGNET SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools
- ✓ May have entrance exams or performance auditions
- ✓ Schools have fixed application deadlines



PRIVATE SCHOOL

- ✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are available for all students statewide
- ✓ State-funded accounts that can pay for tuition and other expenses
- ✓ Money families spend on private schooling counts towards the taxes they owe



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online options available
- ✓ Some public school districts have blended or completely online options



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Funding is available through an education-savings account
- ✓ Must provide notice of intent to homeschool
- ✓ Specific subjects are not required
- ✓ Homeschooled students may still be eligible to participate in sports or classes free of charge
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

