

# SCHOOL CHOICE IN ARKANSAS



## TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Free, public school transfer allowed with some limitations
- ✓ May charge tuition for open enrollment transfers



## 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

- ✓ State-funded accounts that can pay for tuition and other expenses are universally available
- ✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are available to low-income families



## ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online schools 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 program
- ✓ Must provide annual notice of intent to homeschool
- ✓ No subject or assessment requirements
- ✓ 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

