

SCHOOL CHOICE IN CALIFORNIA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Limited open enrollment transfers for low-performing schools
- ✓ Public school districts can set their own open enrollment policies
- ✓ 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

- ✗ No state funding is available for private school tuition
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



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 assistance may be available if you homeschool through a charter school program
- ✓ Must provide notice of intent to homeschool
- ✓ Specific subjects must be taught
- ✓ Standardized assessments 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

