

SCHOOL CHOICE IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Open-enrollment widely available for any public school or charter school through a lottery system
- ✓ 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-run scholarship for tuition and other expenses is available
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time and part-time online learning options available
- ✓ Some public schools offer blended courses



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool must be filed annually
- ✓ Homeschooling parents must have a high school diploma or its equivalent
- ✓ Specific subjects are required
- ✓ No standardized assessments are required
- ✓ Some homeschooling students can participate in public school sports and activities - restrictions and limitations apply
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available



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