

SCHOOL CHOICE IN IOWA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Unrestricted open enrollment - can choose any public school
- ✓ Transportation may be available if eligible



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
- ✓ Money families spend on private schooling can be deducted from their taxable income
- ✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are available
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online learning options are available
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Funding available through the Homeschool Assistance Program
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required annually
- ✓ No standardized assessment requirements
- ✓ No required subjects unless homeschooling by independent private instruction
- ✓ Students may be eligible to participate in classes, sports, or activities at local public schools - fees may apply
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

