

# SCHOOL CHOICE IN MARYLAND



## TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Restricted open enrollment - can choose another public school in certain circumstances
- ✓ 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 tuition vouchers are available for low-income students
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



## ONLINE LEARNING

- × No free, public online programs available
- ✓ Private, tuition-based online options are available
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs



## HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required
- ✓ Specific subjects are required and families may be asked to provide samples of materials and work
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

