

# SCHOOL CHOICE IN MAINE



## TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Open enrollment may be available - each school district sets its own policy
- ✓ Transportation may be available if your assigned district does not offer a school for your child's grade level
- ✓ 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 students who do not have a school at their level in their zoned district
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



## ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online programs available
- ✓ Free, part-time options are available for high school students
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online and blended programs



## HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required annually
- ✓ Specific subjects and some level of assessment are required
- ✓ Students may be eligible to participate in sports or activities at their local public school
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

