

SCHOOL CHOICE IN MINNESOTA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Open enrollment - choosing a public school other than your zoned school - may be available
- ✓ School districts are not permitted to charge tuition for transfer students



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

- ✓ Money families spend on private schooling can be deducted from their taxable income
- ✓ Money families spend on private schooling counts toward the taxes they owe if they meet income eligibility requirements
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online programs available state-wide
- ✓ Free, part-time online options are available for students enrolled in public schools (including charter schools)
- ✓ Paid, part-time options are available for nonpublic school students
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Funding assistance may be available through a tax deduction
- ✓ 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 local public schools
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

