SCHOOL CHOICE IN
MONTANA

TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
✓ Open enrollment - choosing another public school - may be available based on your school district's policies or your distance from your zoned school
✓ 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 accounts can pay for tuition and other expenses for students with disabilities
✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are universally available

ONLINE LEARNING

✓ Free, full-time online learning program is available
✓ Private, tuition-based online options are available
✓ Some public school districts have their own online or hybrid programs

HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

✓ Independent, parent-driven education
✓ Funding may be available
✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required annually
✓ Homeschooling parents must keep attendance records to be shared if requested
✓ Specific subjects must be taught
✓ No standardized assessment requirement
✓ Homeschooled students may be able to participate in sports, activities, or classes at local public schools
✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

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