

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NORTH CAROLINA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Restricted open enrollment - may be able to choose another public school for your child if you meet requirements
- ✓ Some public school districts have "choice zones" where families have a few options of schools to choose from
- ✓ 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 universally available with priority given to students from low-income households
- ✓ State-funded accounts that can pay for tuition and other expenses are available for students with disabilities



ONLINE LEARNING

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



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Homeschools are considered a form of private school
- ✓ Must provide notice of intent to homeschool
- ✓ No subject requirements
- ✓ Must take a standardized test annually
- ✓ Funding may be available for students with disabilities
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

