

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW JERSEY



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 if your district participates
- ✓ Transportation may be provided based on distance
- ✓ 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

- × No state funding is available for private school tuition
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Part-time virtual course options may be available through your local school



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required only for high school students withdrawing from public school
- ✓ Instruction must be "academically equivalent" to what they would receive at public school
- ✓ No standardized assessments are required
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

