

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW MEXICO



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Restricted open enrollment - students may be able to attend a school in a different district if their zoned school is low-performing
- ✓ Transportation may be available if choosing another school within your zoned school district
- ✓ 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

- ✓ Free, full-time online learning options are available
- ✓ Supplemental online courses may be available through your local school - fees may apply
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online or blended programs



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required annually
- ✓ Specific subjects must be taught
- ✓ No standardized assessment requirement
- ✓ Homeschool operator must be the student's parent or legal guardian
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

