

SCHOOL CHOICE IN NEW YORK



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Open enrollment may be available - students can attend a school other than their zoned school if their district permits it
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Students with disabilities in NYC may be eligible to have private school tuition reimbursed
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



ONLINE LEARNING

- × No state-wide, free, public online programs available
- ✓ Students located in NYC may have virtual and hybrid options
- ✓ Private, tuition-based online options are available
- ✓ Part-time online learning options may be available through your local school



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required annually
- ✓ Specific subjects and an annual assessment are required
- ✓ Families should also submit an annual individual home instruction plan and quarterly report
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

