

SCHOOL CHOICE IN OHIO



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ May charge tuition for open enrollment transfers
- ✓ Public school districts must have a policy allowing students to apply for open enrollment within the same school district
- ✓ Public school districts get to decide if they accept transfers between school districts



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

- ✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are available for all students statewide
- ✓ State-funded tuition vouchers are also available for students statewide with specific programs targeted by area and student needs
- ✓ Money families spend on private schooling counts toward the taxes they owe



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ More than 9 free, full-time online "e-schools"
- ✓ Some public school districts have blended or completely online options



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Funding is available through a tax-credit and a scholarship for students with an IEP
- ✓ Must provide notice of intent to homeschool
- ✓ Specific subjects must be taught
- ✓ Homeschooled students may still be eligible to participate in sports or classes free of charge
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

