

SCHOOL CHOICE IN RHODE ISLAND



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Public school districts set their own open enrollment policies - may allow students to transfer to another public school
- ✓ 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

- ✓ Scholarships funded by donors who receive tax credits are available for families, eligibility is based on household income
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool is required
- ✓ Must submit homeschooling program to the local school committee for approval
- ✓ Some form of annual assessment is required
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

