

# SCHOOL CHOICE IN TEXAS



## TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Public school districts decide if they will accept and allow students to transfer out of their zoned 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

- ✓ State-funded accounts that can pay for tuition, transportation and other expenses are universally available
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



## ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online learning options are available statewide
- ✓ Private, tuition-based online options are available
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs



## HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Homeschooling is legally considered a form of private schooling
- ✓ No notice of intent to homeschool is required
- ✓ Must teach specific subjects
- ✓ No standardized assessments required
- ✓ Students may be able to participate in sports or activities at local public schools
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

