

SCHOOL CHOICE IN VIRGINIA



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ✓ Free public schools based on your physical address or zone
- ✓ Public school districts decide if they will allow open enrollment transfers within the district
- ✓ May charge tuition for open enrollment transfers between public 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 students meeting income eligibility requirements
- ✓ Other scholarship options may be available from schools or nonprofits



ONLINE LEARNING

- ✓ Free, full-time online learning program available
- ✓ Some public school districts have their own online programs
- ✓ Virginia students are required to take at least one online course or blended learning experience to graduate



HOMESCHOOL & MICROSCHOOL

- ✓ Independent, parent-driven education
- ✓ Four legal options: home instruction, homeschooling with religious exemption, homeschooling with a certified tutor, or homeschooling under a private school
- ✓ Notice of intent to homeschool may be required
- ✓ No specific subjects must be taught
- ✓ Standardized assessments may be required
- ✓ Microschools - students gathered in small groups to learn are available

