
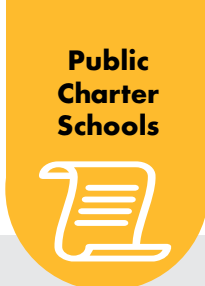






SCHOOL CHOICE IN MISSISSIPPI

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

	 Traditional Public Schools	 Public Charter Schools	 Magnet Public Schools	 Online Learning	 Private Schools	 Home Education
AVAILABILITY	broad*	limited	broad	none*	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN MISSISSIPPI...	<p>Traditional public schools are available for families throughout the state. States that allow families access to their choice of traditional public schools offer what's called "open enrollment."</p> <p>Mississippi districts are allowed to set their own open enrollment policies, so families should check locally. Districts are only required to offer open enrollment if families live 30+ miles away from an assigned school.</p>	<p>Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.</p> <p>Public charter schools are available for families in parts of Mississippi. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by an independent statewide approval board.</p>	<p>Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.</p> <p>Mississippi has several magnet schools for families to consider.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Mississippi does not offer a free, full-time online school statewide. However, in some cases, students may be able to enroll in part-time classes through their school district and Mississippi Online Course Approval. Paid options may also be available.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>Mississippi offers several state-run scholarship options for parents of children with special needs. In other cases, private scholarships may be available.</p>	<p>All parents in Mississippi have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents must provide an annual notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state does not require homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and does not require standardized testing for homeschoolers.</p>

* For more information, visit: schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-mississippi



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