







SCHOOL CHOICE IN UTAH

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	broad	limited	broad	broad	broad
COST	free	free	free	free	free to some	varies
IN UTAH...	<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>As long as there is capacity, Utah parents may choose any traditional public school within their district, or in another district, based on the state's flexible open enrollment laws.</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 across Utah. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts, an independent statewide approval board, or colleges and universities.</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>Utah currently has just a few magnet schools or programs.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Utah offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Utah Online School, Utah Connections Academy, Utah Virtual Academy, My Tech High, and Mountain Heights Academy.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent.</p> <p>Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>Utah students with special needs may qualify for a state-run scholarship program. In Jan. of 2023, the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program was passed providing funding to families starting in the 24-25 school year.</p>	<p>All parents in Utah 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>

