



ELEMENTS OF SCHOOL CHOICE

PRIVATE SCHOOL

Private schools are run by private organizations, and they require annual tuition. They can offer classes that are very different than public schools since they are not required to meet the same state guidelines in creating their curriculum.

Many schools offer financial assistance.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are publicly funded schools of choice.

They are held accountable by their board and sponsor (usually a university) for producing positive academic outcomes.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

These are private schools supported by a religious group. Parochial school students make up the majority of those that attend private schools in the United States.

While parochial schools have tuition costs many offer scholarships making this option and less costly than some non-religious private schools.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public schools are elementary or secondary schools in the United States supported by public funds and provide free education for children of a community or district.

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HOME SCHOOL

Homeschooling is learning outside of the public or private school setting. For most families learning utilizes their community, environment, and interactions with other families who homeschool.

MAGNET SCHOOL

Magnet schools are free public elementary and secondary schools of choice that are operated by school districts or a group of districts.

Magnet schools have a focused theme and are typically more “hands on — minds on” and use an approach to learning that is inquiry or performance/project based.

MicroSchool

Micro schools tend to have no more than 150 students across multiple ages learning in a single classroom. Teachers act more as guides with a heavy emphasis on digital and project-based learning.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Virtual schooling is done completely online. Students are able to talk to teachers and peers over the internet. In some states, virtual learning is funded as a public school alternative.

Virtual options work well for students who have little access to other choices, such as those in rural communities.

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