Children’s Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit parent advocacy organization. CEAM believes that parents have the strongest voice in advocating for not only their child's education but for better education policies for all children in Missouri.

CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Charters receive public money operate but with the support of a sponsor (usually a university):
- All applicants must live in the city of St. Louis or be a suburban student enrolled in the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC) program (aka. the “Deseg program”).
- No other tests or eligibility requirements to enroll in a charter school in St. Louis.
- There are limited seats in charter schools so be sure to check availability.

VOLUNTARY INTERDISTRICT CHOICE CORPORATION (VICC)
In St. Louis, the interdistrict transfers are currently available through the the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC).
Through VICC, African-American students living in the city of St. Louis and non- African American students living in certain county districts are able to transfer to out of their district into county or magnet options (based on availability).

MAGNET SCHOOLS
Magnet schools including elementary, middle and high school options. Magnet schools offer specialized courses and curricula.
- Applications and certain eligibility requirements are required.
- Apply starting September 1 each year for admission to a magnet school the following school year.
- There are typically more applicants than seats available, so a lottery system is used to determine enrollment.

TUITION BASED SCHOOLS
There are many private school or tuition based options in St. Louis including a variety of religious options. Private schools offer parents curriculum that varies from State Standards.
- Many schools offer tuition assistance.
- Catholic Schools offer a common application for scholarship.

RESOURCES
Magnet Schools:
St. Louis Public Schools Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314-633-5200 or log on to www.slpsmagnetschools.org

Charter Public Schools:
Missouri Charter Public School Association at 314-776-3551 or log on to www.mocharterschools.org.

VICC:
To find out more and to apply, call 314-721-8422 or log on to www.choicecorp.org/CICO.htm

TUITION BASED:
Archdiocese of St. Louis contact them at 314-792-7300 or log on to www.archstl.org/education.

Independent Schools of St. Louis represents 44+ Private Schools. Contact them at 314-567-9229 visit www.independentschools.org to find a school and learn more about financial assistance.

To compare city schools visit www.stlcityschools.org