



## CHOICE IN ST. LOUIS CITY

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### RESOURCES

Magnet Schools:

St. Louis Public Schools Recruitment and Counseling Center at 314-633-5200 or log on to [www.slpsmagnetschools.org](http://www.slpsmagnetschools.org)

Charter Public Schools:

Missouri Charter Public School Association at 314-776-3551 or log on to [www.mocharterschools.org](http://www.mocharterschools.org).

VICC:

To find out more and to apply, call 314-721-8422 or log on to [www.choicecorp.org/CICO.htm](http://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](http://www.archstl.org/education).

The Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation interested in faith-based and private schooling. Contact them at 314-792-7621 or at [www.archstl.org/ttef](http://www.archstl.org/ttef).

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

To compare city schools visit [www.stlcityschools.org](http://www.stlcityschools.org)