




# SCHOOL CHOICE IN ARKANSAS

		AVAILABILITY	COST
 <p>TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>	<p>In Arkansas, there are some limits on open enrollment, like seat capacity and desegregation orders, but families generally have flexibility to transfer to a public school of their choice.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>FREE</b>
 <p>PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Public charter schools are available for families in parts of Arkansas. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by the state.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>FREE</b>
 <p>PUBLIC MAGNET SCHOOLS</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. Arkansas has several magnet schools throughout the state.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>FREE</b>
 <p>ONLINE LEARNING</p>	<p>Arkansas offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, like Arkansas Connections Academy and Arkansas Virtual Academy.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>FREE</b>
 <p>PRIVATE SCHOOLS</p>	<p>For 2023-24, Arkansas offers state-run scholarships for students in foster care, students with disabilities, U.S. military dependents, kindergartners, students in F-rated schools or Level 5 Intensive Support school districts, and low-income students. By 2025, all students will be eligible for scholarships.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>FREE TO SOME</b>
 <p>HOME EDUCATION</p>	<p>All parents in Arkansas have the freedom to homeschool their children. 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. All homeschool students in Arkansas will be eligible to apply for state-funded scholarships by 2025.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>VARIES</b>
 <p>MICROSCHOOLS</p>	<p>Arkansas offers microschool options ranging from homeschoolers gathering at an enrichment center to small private schools committed to individualized learning. Microschools focus on small-group learning, strong relationships, and personalized education for each student.</p>	<b>BROAD</b>	<b>VARIES</b>