

## Parental Choice in Ohio

Every year, more Ohio families seek out educational options. Much more than charter schools and vouchers, Ohio offers an array of unique educational settings and approaches. Options include:

### Home Education

Families desiring to educate their children at home may do so by notifying their local school district superintendent and meeting the requirements of Ohio law to homeschool.

### Community (Charter) and STEM Schools

Community schools (also known as charter schools) are independently operated public schools that are not part of a school district. They are tuition-free, non-profit schools that can be online (e-school) or physical 'brick and mortar' schools.

Ohio also has seven independently-operated STEM schools, offering instruction with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



### Scholarship Programs (Vouchers)

Ohio has five programs that offer scholarships to eligible students to attend the private school of their choice:

- Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program
- EdChoice Scholarship Program
- EdChoice Income-Based (Expansion) Scholarships

- Autism Scholarship
- Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship

### Private (Nonpublic) Schools

There are two types of private schools in Ohio. Chartered private (nonpublic) schools hold a charter issued by the State Board of Education. Nonchartered nonpublic schools choose not to be chartered for religious reasons.



### Traditional Public School (District Schools)

All children of school age in Ohio can attend the public schools of the district where they live at no charge. Some districts accept students residing in neighboring districts through open enrollment and provide career, and technical programming through career centers.

College Credit Plus, available to home educated, public and private school students, allow students to earn dual high school and college credit.

### 2021 Educational Choice Participation

Options	Students
<i>Private Schools</i>	167,164
<i>Community (Charter) Schools</i>	113,904
<i>STEM Schools</i>	3,732
<i>Home Education</i>	51,502
<i>District Open Enrollment</i>	85,535
<i>College Credit Plus</i>	76,973