

EDUCATION + SCHOOLS

There are many different options for your children's education. Below are resources to help you make informed decisions about what is the best fit for you and your family.

Public schools

- Run by local school districts
- Funded by the public
- Must follow all state and federal education laws

Charter schools

- Independent public schools
- Funded by the public or private donors
- Must follow education laws, but have freedom from some rules

Private schools

- Run by private organizations
- Funded privately
- Little to no government oversight

Key Differences

KIDS MUST APPLY TO ATTEND:

Public schools: No (But some public magnet schools may require applications)

Charter schools: Yes

Private schools: Yes

IT'S FREE TO ATTEND:

Public schools: Yes

Charter schools: Yes

Private schools: No

Helpful Online Resources:

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

www.cde.state.co.us

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.dpsk12.org

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.jeffcopublicschools.org

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.dcsdk12.org

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.cherrycreekschools.org

AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

aurorak12.org

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOLS

www.adams12.org

PRIVATE (NON-PUBLIC) SCHOOLS

www.cde.state.co.us/choice/nonpublic_resources

COLORADO LEAGUE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

coloradoleague.org

GREAT SCHOOLS

www.greatschools.org/colorado