

IN Brief | SCHOOL CHOICE REFERENCE GUIDE

In Duval County, there are many different types of schooling options. Here's a quick guide to all the choices.

Neighborhood Public School



Magnet Programs



Dedicated Magnet



Choice/Other Programs



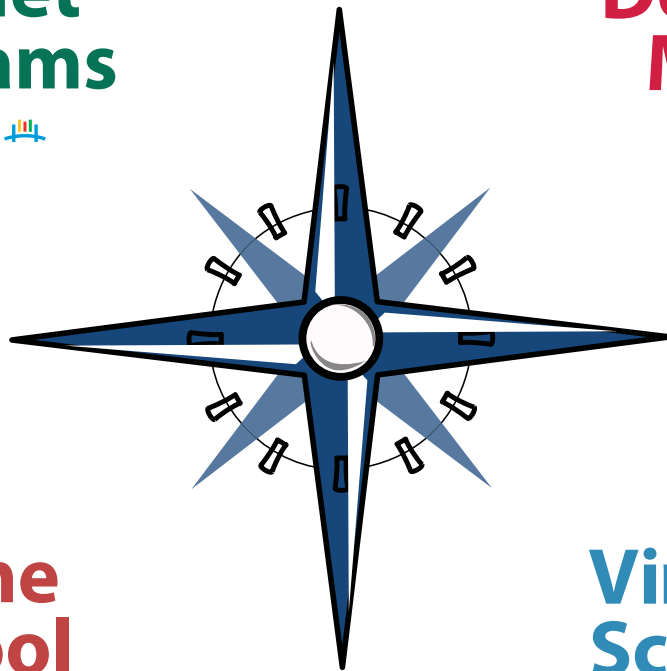
Charter School



Home School

Virtual School

Private School



- Application Required
- Lottery for Admissions May Apply
- Transportation Provided
- Limited Transportation
- Public School Option
- DCPS Option
- Costs Tuition

See other side for definitions, details and contact information.

Researching options for your child? Find detailed information about all public schools in Duval County on School Facts Jax. Go to jaxpef.org to get started. Then use this handy School Choice Reference Guide to find out who to contact.

NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL – A neighborhood school is the public school a student is assigned to attend based on his or her residential address. Every residential address is assigned to an elementary, middle and high school. Locate your zoned school on SchoolFactsJax.org. Visit duvalschools.org and click on Parents to learn more about registration or call (904) 390-2144.

MAGNET PROGRAMS – A public school program with specialized theme(s) that allows students to explore a special talent, interest, or skill. Magnet programs are typically located within a traditional neighborhood school but are open to students from other zones to attend. To learn more go to duvalchoice.com or call (904) 390-2082.

DEDICATED MAGNET – A district public school with no specified attendance boundary that has a specific subject or theme at its focus. Students must apply to attend and be accepted. Seats may further be determined through a lottery. All students in the school are part of the magnet program. To learn more go to duvalchoice.com or call (904) 390-2082.

CHOICE/OTHER PROGRAMS – A neighborhood school offering a special program which is designed to offer educational and vocational opportunities to students that might not otherwise be available in the neighborhood school, such as acceleration programs, career academies, or other special programs. To learn more go to duvalchoice.com or call (904) 390-2082.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL – An education option not bound by a particular location, as all student courses and services are delivered using online instruction. For more information go to duvalschools.org/dvia or www.fldoe.org/schools/virtual-schools.

CHARTER SCHOOL – A charter school is a public school. It is operated by an independent management organization on a performance contract with the local school board. Charter schools are tuition-free and are held accountable

for academic and financial results, but may be exempt from some of the requirements of traditional public schools. To learn more go to duvalchoice.com or call (904) 390-2082.

PRIVATE SCHOOL – A private school is independently owned and operated and is not administered by a local or state agency. Private schools can determine their own tuition fees, student selection criteria, and other administrative requirements. For more information and listings, go to floridaschoolchoice.org.

HOME SCHOOL – A parent or guardian may opt to teach their child at home rather than in a traditionally structured school environment. Parents do not need to be certified to teach, but must notify the school district or partner with a private school. For more information, go to floridaschoolchoice.org and click on Home Education.

K-12 SCHOLARSHIP/VOUCHER PROGRAMS – A variety of different scholarship or voucher programs are available to allow students to transfer to another public school outside of their residential zone or receive funding to help pay for tuition at a private school (learn more about these options at floridaschoolchoice.org). These include:

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP – A scholarship provided to parents to move their child from a failing neighborhood school to a higher-performing public school.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP – Scholarships to subsidize private school tuition, funded by tax credits companies receive for making donations.

MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP – A scholarship providing students with disabilities an opportunity to attend a public or private school equipped to meet their needs.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP – Some private organizations and private schools help fund tuition to a private school for families based on income level and merit.