

Education Options For Your Child

Public School: a free-to-attend school funded by state tax dollars with educational standards set by the state. As they are state funded they must follow state guidelines on what they can teach and how children are evaluated. Teachers at public schools are required to have at least a bachelor's degree as well as be state-certified.

Charter School: a free-to-attend school that must be applied to separately with limited spaces. They are independently run but still receive some government funding making them accountable to whichever government body provides their charter. These schools cannot discriminate based on race, gender, or disability. At a charter school teachers are required to hold at least a bachelor's degree, but only 75% of the staff must be state-certified.

Private School: a tuition-based school that is funded through donations, endowments, and tuition rather than government funding. They may be associated with different religious organizations that also help to fund the school. Curriculum is not regulated by the state as they are autonomous, but accreditation can be earned if national or regional standards are met. Teachers in private schools are not required to be certified and may have more variability in the subject of their bachelor's degree.

The School District of Philadelphia

- 150 District Elementary Schools
 - Determine [School Catchment Area](#) to see what public school your child would attend
 - [Individual School Data](#) can be examined to determine if this school is the right fit for your child
 - To attend public schools, registration must be completed by May the year before to secure your child's spot
- 64 Charter Elementary Schools
 - Find which [Charter Schools](#) may be right for your child
 - [Application Resources](#)
 - Most applications are filed through [Apply Philly](#) or otherwise noted in the charter school directory
 - The application deadline for the following school year is late **January**
 - Applications are then chosen through a lottery system and results are released early **February**
 - Seats must be accepted by late **February**

Private Elementary Schools

- [Frankford Friends School](#): Quaker, CO-ED
Tuition starting at \$15,000 with tuition assistance available
- [Gesu School](#): Jesuits & IHM Sisters, CO-ED
Tuition is \$10,000 with 100% of families receiving financial aid with an average of \$7,600 in aid per student.
- [Greene Street Friends School](#): Quaker, CO-ED
Tuition starting at \$17,825 with need-based financial aid available
- [Norwood Fontbonne Academy](#): Sisters of St. Joseph & Montessori, CO-ED
Tuition is \$15,200 with need-based financial aid available
- [The City School](#): Christian, CO-ED
Tuition is \$10,680 with financial aid available
- [William Penn Charter School](#): Quaker, CO-ED
Tuition starting at \$29,150 with financial aid available making the average tuition \$11,500 for families who receive aid
- [St. Katherine of Siena School](#): Catholic, CO-ED
Tuition caps at \$5,150 with financial aid and parishioner discounts available
- [Holmesburg Christian Academy](#): Christian, CO-ED
Tuition starting at \$6,400 with financial aid, involvement credit, and scholarships available

The School District of Philadelphia Special Education Contacts

- [Special Education Compliance Managers \(SPECM\)](#): Each school has one SPECM to support their school with special education supports and services
 - Contact through email listed [here](#)
- [Special Education Directors and Managers](#): Provide support for the schools of Philadelphia
 - Contact through email based on the learning network listed [here](#). The learning network of your school can be determined through your school's SPECM
- [Parent and Guardian Support Resources](#)
- Office of Specialized Services: 215-400-4170
- Autism Coordinator: 215-400-6408
- Parent Coordinator: JoAnne Eggleston

- 215-400-6065
- jeggleston@philasd.org
- [The School District of Philadelphia Autistic Support Family Website](#)
 - This site provides resources for families with children on the spectrum
- [The School District of Philadelphia Multilingual Family Support Office](#)
 - The office provides district-wide documents translated into 9 different languages to ensure equitable services are provided to all families
 - Phone: 215-400-4180
 - Translation@philasd.org