THE FLORIDA Prek-12 EDUCATION LANDSCAPE:

1.5 million students choose



Parents long have chosen their child's school through where they decide to live, but Florida expands choice beyond the neighborhood by offering learning options that help students find the education that works best for them. In 2012-13, 1.5 million of the 3.5 million students in PreK-12 education — or 42 percent — attended a school of their choosing.

263,686 in Open Enrollment

Students in 52 of the state's 67 districts chose school through "open enrollment" plans.

242,737 in Private Schools

Students whose parents chose to pay for their education at one of 2,268 private schools.

219,027 in Choice and Magnet Programs

Students chose from fundamental, academic and special programs at 1,564 different schools.

203,240 in Charter Schools

Students attended 578 privately operated charter schools that are paid by school districts.

160,601 in Career and Professional Academies

Students pursue career and professional interests in programs at 511 different high schools.

144,414 in PreKindergarten Scholarships

Four-year-olds who attended VPK in private schools and centers across the state.

75,801 in Home Education

Students received their education at home while reporting results to the school district.

51,075 in Tax Credit Scholarships

Low-income students attended 1,338 different private schools.

29,872 in McKay Scholarships

Students with disabilities attended 1,163 different private schools.

16,363 in Advanced International Certificate of Education

Students enrolled in AICE programs in 11th and 12th grades.

13,997 in Fulltime Virtual Instruction

Students completed a fulltime program of virtual instruction.

13,224 in International Baccalaureate

Students enrolled in the intensive academic programs at 77 different schools.

10,932 in No Child Left Behind transfers

Students chose a different school because their assigned one didn't meet federal standards.

7,124 in Lab Schools

Students were enrolled in "laboratory schools" run by five different universities.

3,464 in Opportunity Scholarships

Students chose a different school because their assigned one didn't meet state standards.

= 1,455,557 students at schools of their choice