

Education Options in Nevada

Publicly-funded

Privately-funded

Public School & Public Charter School

Child's Legal Status:

Public School Student

Who's in control of...?

- Financial burden
- Administration/Teaching
- Accountability
- Standards/Curriculum
- Testing/Records
- Special Education

Answer: **The State**

Brick-and-mortar



Private School

(Licensed & Exempt)

Child's Legal Status:

Private School Student

Who's in control of...?

- Administration/Teaching
- Accountability
- Standards/Curriculum
- Testing/Records
- Special Education**

Answer: **The Private School**

- Financial burden
- Special Education*

Answer: **The Parent**

Government Funded

"School Choice" Programs

(Online Charter School, Distance Education, ESA Grants, etc.)

Child's Legal Status:

Public School Student or Opt-in Child (ESA)

Who's in control of...?

- Financial burden
- Administration/Teaching
- Accountability
- Standards/Curriculum
- Testing/Records
- Special Education*

Answer: **The State or for**

Opt-in Child: The Participating Entity & NV State Treasurer

Home-based



Private Homeschool

(Parent submits a minimal NOI to local school district).

Child's Legal Status:

Homeschool Student

Who's in control of...?

- Financial burden
- Administration/Teaching
- Accountability
- Standards/Curriculum
- Testing/Records
- Special Education***

Answer: **The Parent**

*Opt-in child by arrangement with the private school, private services provider, or through Child Find with the local public school district.

**By arrangement with private school or services, or through Child Find with the local public school district.

***The homeschool parent can request services through Child Find with the local school district.

Advantages of Private Homeschooling:

- *Tutorial-style education* (as determined by the parent) helps each child achieve his or her full educational potential
- *Flexibility* for parents to allow their child to progress at the child's pace to achieve mastery of concepts
- *Time to explore* new interests and develop unique talents under the guidance of their parents
- *Positive socialization and strong relationships* with family & friends
- *High school students* can get an early start on college education or career preparation utilizing dual-credits earned at a local community college, college or university or vocational study.

Private Homeschooling is effective. Since the 1980s when the modern homeschool movement began, research studies and data have consistently shown that homeschooled students score, on average, 20 percentile points above their public classroom counterparts. Homeschool graduates attend and graduate from colleges and universities across the country or move directly into the workforce. (Source: National Home Education Research Institute, www.nheri.org)

Private Homeschool is not the same as Public-School-at-Home or an ESA Opt-in Child. Even though they all may take place in the home, they have different funding and a different focus of control.

- **Public-School-at-Home** (online charter school) students are legally considered public school students and the funding for these schools comes from tax dollars, and parents are effectively unpaid tutors. [NRS 386.490-386.649](http://NRS.386.490-386.649)
- **ESA Grant** students are legally designated as an Opt-in Child after 100 days enrollment in a public school, funding comes from tax dollars. Schools, tutors or parents must be approved as Participating Entities by the State Treasurer and annually test the student, submitting results to the NV-Department of Education. [NRS 388D.100-388D.140](http://NRS.388D.100-388D.140), [NRS 353B.850-353B.880](http://NRS.353B.850-353B.880) pursuant to [NRS 392.070 \(3\)](http://NRS.392.070(3))
- **Private Homeschool** students are not public school students, are not funded by tax dollars, and are not regulated by the public school education system. [NRS 388D.010-388D.070](http://NRS.388D.010-388D.070) pursuant to [NRS 392.070 \(2\)](http://NRS.392.070(2))

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