1.7 MILLION STUDENTS CHOOSE

School choice is now mainstream. Of Florida’s 3.7 million PreK-12 students, 46 percent attended a school of their choice during the 2016-17 school year.

- **299,999** in Choice and Magnet programs at 1,712 district schools
- **287,227** in Open Enrollment in 52 school districts
- **279,920** in 654 Charter Schools privately operated under contract with districts
- **237,886** in Private Schools paying on their own
- **139,757** in Career and Professional Academies at 458 high schools
- **134,948** in private PreKindergarten Scholarships for 4-year-olds
- **98,936** in Tax Credit Scholarships for low-income students at 1,733 private schools
- **87,462** in Home Education while reporting results to districts
- **43,619** in Advanced International Certificate programs for 11th and 12th graders
- **35,968** in McKay Scholarships for special-needs students (31,499 in private schools and 4,469 in district schools)
- **15,482** in full-time Virtual Instruction
- **8,056** in Gardiner Scholarships for special-needs students
- **7,398** in Lab Schools and Lab Charter Schools run by five universities
- **3,717** in School Transfers related to state or federal performance thresholds
- **14,004** in International Baccalaureate at district schools

= **1,694,379** STUDENTS AT SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICE

Source | 2016-17 Florida Department of Education data