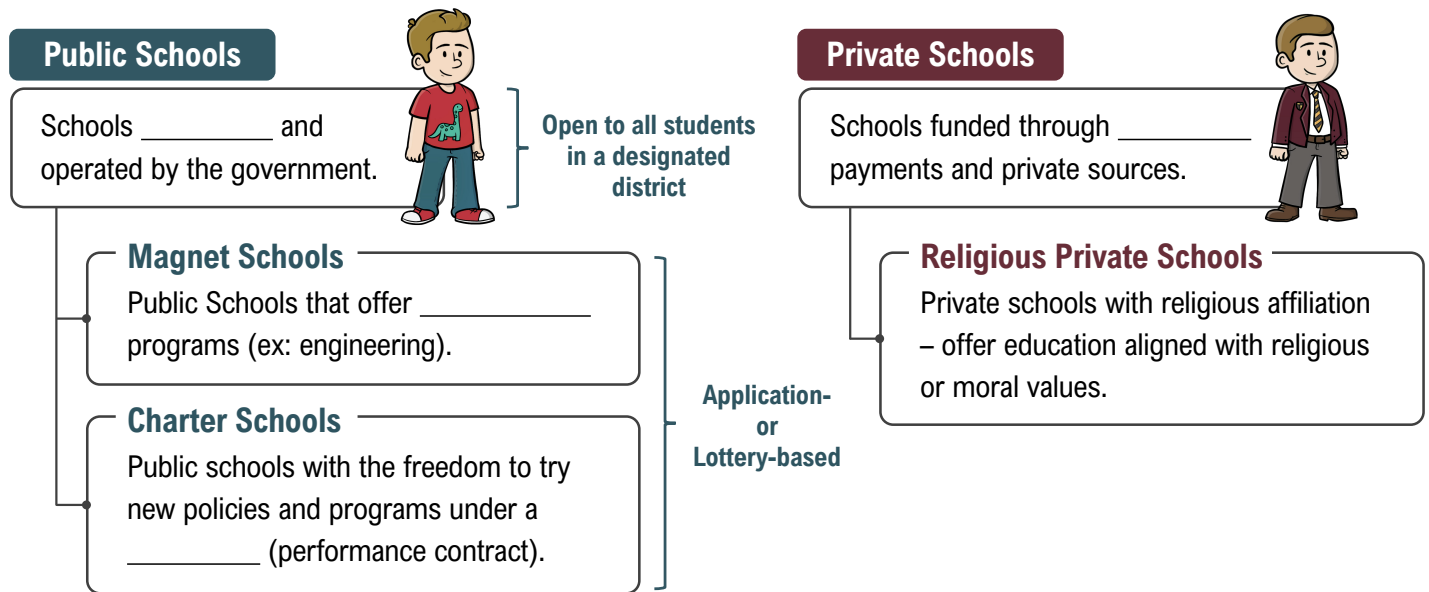


TOPIC: TYPES OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL CHOICE



- ◆ Some scholars think public schools have not improved because there is no substantial _____.
 - If families had more choice, it would create an educational marketplace.
- ◆ **School Choice:** Policies that allow parents greater choice in where their children attends school.
 - Uses public education funds to provide _____ → Can spend that money at public or private

Arguments For:

- Increased parent/student _____.
- Gives more options to families living in under-performing districts.
- Competition may _____ all schools and increase standards.

Arguments Against:

- No evidence (yet) that these programs increase educational quality.
- Possibility of _____ inequality (stratification based on race or SES).
- Concerns about separation of church and state (when religious schools are involved).

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EXAMPLE

Match each statement with the type of school it is describing.

1	A public school that offers a specialized program in fine arts.	
2	A public school that is testing out a new program under a performance contract.	
3	A school funded through private sources and tuition payments.	
4	A school funded by the government and open to all students within a specific district.	

- a) Public School
- b) Magnet School
- c) Charter School
- d) Private School

PRACTICE

Which of the following statements **best** describes school choice policies?

- a) Policies that greatly reduce public education funding.
- b) Policies that encourage parents to invest in private education.
- c) Policies that provide families with vouchers, allowing them to select schools outside their district.
- d) Policies that provide families with vouchers, based on student's academic performance.

PRACTICE

Supporters of school choice programs argue that these policies:

- a) Reduce parental involvement in education.
- b) Increase competition among schools, potentially improving quality.
- c) Eliminate the need for standardized testing.
- d) Increase government involvement in schooling.