

NATIONAL MICROSCHOOLING CENTER

MICROSCHOOLS

Microschools are innovative small learning environments, often created in permissionless ways outside of education systems. They are convened in commercial or nonprofit space, private homes, houses of worship, and countless other creative locations. Microschools can be organized as learning centers supporting homeschoolers, private schools (accredited and unaccredited) and other ways. What many people feel offers microschooling its transformative potential is that these can be created around the needs of the particular learners they serve.

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Accurate estimates of the size of America's present microschooling population are complicated by factors including the absence of universally-accepted definitions during what is broadly seen as this sector's early adoption phase. Researchers Paul DiPerna and Michael McShane estimate that between 1.1 and 2.1 million learners currently use microschools as their main provider of schooling.

The National Microschooling Center anticipates microschooling will reach a 10% market share.

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The National Microschooling Center is the nation's preeminent nonprofit resource hub and movement-builder committed to advancing the health, growth and evolution of the microschooling movement to live up to its fullest potential.

Launched in August 2022, with headquarters in Las Vegas, the Center works to advance its movement building mission for a thriving, diversified microschooling sector that lives up to its transformative potential.

The Center offers a dedicated program of supports and trainings for microschool leaders, both currently operating and prelaunch. Member microschools engage with the Center in dedicated movement-building and capacity-building activities, navigating statutory and regulatory frameworks, sharing professional growth through cohorts and dedicated workshop sessions, and utilizing popular learning tools, including access to learning licenses at reduced costs and platform-specific coaching.



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Independent Microschools

These microschools are created by an individual, team or group. The microschools are small, nimble and designed by the founders. As an independent microschool leader, the choices are all yours (but don't worry, we will help as much as you want us to)! You set the schedule, choose the curriculum - or choose not to use a curriculum - decide on a location and when you want to open your doors! We offer a variety of free trainings, learning tools, community building, as well as individual coaching.

Partnership Microschools

These microschools are created out of a partnership between a host partner, who provides resources such as the location, and a technical partner who oversees the teaching and learning. Partnership microschooling is a new and exciting way of educating the community you care about. This style is ideal for forward-thinking municipalities, employers looking to add to their benefits package, associations adding value for their members, Houses of Worship looking for new ways to serve. These partners serve as the host partner, providing much needed resources for the microschool from their existing assets. The technical partner is often a local non-profit who can bring educational expertise.

Provider Network Microschools

This has a place in both independent and partnership microschooling. These microschools belong to provider networks, such as Acton Academy, Prenda, Wildflower and Primer. If the idea of designing your own program is not something that you feel ready to do, these microschool networks can give you frameworks to use to help guide your launch. You can always supplement and make changes to your program as wanted. We work with a variety of provider networks and are happy to help you navigate some of the high-quality options that are currently available.

Public Microschools

These microschools are created within the public system—either as charter schools or district-run models. As demand for microschooling grows, we're seeing innovative public options pop up across the country, like the Wildflower charter network and Purdue Polytechnic High Schools: The Lab. Numerous superintendents are reaching out to explore how they can build microschools in their own districts. We help public school leaders understand the microschool model and bring its flexibility, personalization, and creativity into their existing systems.