



School Vouchers: Costly & Expansive



ARIZONA

HOW IT STARTED

Empowerment Scholarship Accounts program created in **2011**, targeting students with special needs.

HOW IT'S GOING

Expanded to students attending “D” or “F” schools in **2012**.

Expanded to incoming kindergartners, children of **active-duty military**, children in **foster care**, **siblings of current account holders**, children that **live on Native American reservations** and children of **parents who are blind/deaf** in **2013**.

22% of students are currently eligible across **134 schools**.



FLORIDA

HOW IT STARTED

Tax Credit Scholarship passed in **2001**, allowing low income and families making **up to 185% of poverty**.

Capped at **\$50 million**.

HOW IT'S GOING

Income cap **increased to 260% of poverty** in **2016**.

Passed voucher program in **2019** for families making up to **300% of poverty**, and will increase cap by **25% each year**.

First voucher program (passed in **1999**, limited to students with disabilities) now expanded to **150,000 students**.

Tax Credit Scholarship (originally capped at \$50 million) now up to **\$873 million**.



OHIO

HOW IT STARTED

EdChoice passed in **2007**, based on school's academic performance.

3,000 vouchers used.

HOW IT'S GOING

30,000+ vouchers used.

Expanded criteria to how buildings were deemed as “failing.”

70% of school districts have at **least one building** that is voucher-eligible.

More than a third of public school buildings are voucher-eligible.

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