

# POLICYMAKERS

Policymakers, your leadership is instrumental in addressing the critical challenges posed by voucher programs, which threaten the foundational principles of equity and integrity within our public education system. These comprehensive resources provide information on a range of topics from how voucher programs impact students and public schools to understanding voucher expansion in other states.

### Florida's Hidden Voucher Expansion

Education Law Center and Florida Policy Institute

Florida receives an F on an A-F scale on all three funding metrics: funding level, funding distribution, and funding effort. Since 2019, the flow of public funds to private education dramatically increased after the State Legislature enacted the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) program.

### Opposing Private School Vouchers: A Toolkit for Legislators and Advocates

National Coalition for Public Education

This toolkit is designed as a resource to help legislators and pro-public education advocates oppose attempts to create new or expand existing private school voucher programs.

### Public Funds Public Schools Bill Tracker

Public Funds Public Schools

The PFPS bill tracker monitors all 50 states and the U.S. Congress for proposed legislation that creates, expands, or modifies private school voucher programs. Use the tracker to search for bills by number or keyword or to filter by state, year, and/or PFPS-assigned categories.

### Public Funds Public Schools Research Page

Public Funds Public Schools

This webpage from Public Funds Public Schools is a useful tool for policy makers to filter through research on school voucher programs.

### Preferencing Educational Choice: The Constitutional Limits

Rapidly expanding charter and voucher programs are establishing a new education paradigm in which access to traditional public schools is no longer guaranteed. In some areas charter and voucher programs are on a to phase out traditional public schools altogether.



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## **The Fiscal Consequences of Private School Vouchers**

PFPS

The use of publicly funded vouchers to support enrollment in private schools has a long history, but only over the past dozen years have private school vouchers gained significant traction in the United States. In some states over this time period, the growth in voucher programs has been dramatic.

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## **Accountability and Private School Choice**

National Education Policy Center

The report Accountability and Private-School Choice, released by the Manhattan Institute in October, 2021, addresses the question of how private school voucher programs should be regulated.

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## **Public Dollars for Private Schools: 6 Recommendations for North Carolina's School Voucher Program**

Public School Forum of North Carolina

In this policy brief the Public School Forum of North Carolina provides six recommendations for North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship school voucher program. The Opportunity Scholarships program in its current or expanded form represents significant investment of taxpayer dollars to support private and parochial schools.

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## **The State of Education Savings Account Programs in the United States**

National Education Policy Center

Education Savings Accounts are a new form of private school choice and are arguably the most strongly promoted approach by voucher advocates. This policy brief examines the emerging policy, considering how it mirrors and differs from conventional voucher approaches and examining the legal issues that it raises.

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## **School Privatization Policy Brief**

The Southern Education Foundation

The Southern Education Foundation developed this policy brief SEF in opposition to all school voucher programs, education savings accounts, tax credit scholarship programs, and any other efforts to fund private schools with public dollars.

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## **Something to Lose: How School Voucher Programs Fail to Provide Civil Rights and Constitutional Protections**

This webinar features Dr. Preston Green, Professor of Educational Leadership and Law at the University of Connecticut and the John and Maria Neag Professor of Urban Education at the Neag School. Dr. Green discusses school voucher programs and how these programs fail to provide civil rights and constitutional protections to students. He also discusses protections for students participating in voucher programs.

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