



EdChoice Voucher Program

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❖ What is it?

A state legislated program that provides tuition assistance to families opting to send their children to a non-public school (private and parochial).

Two Programs

1. Income eligible (this past year legislators expanded the eligible grade levels to K-12).
 - a. Families living 200% below the Federal poverty level.
 - b. Eligible regardless of school performance.



Two Programs

2. Regular

- a. Based on school performance – Designated Schools.
- b. Recent changes in criteria for determining Designated Schools vastly increased the number of schools in Ohio that are classified as “underperforming” and on the list.
 - i. Changes in criteria happened without an opportunity for schools to provide input/feedback.

FY20-21 Modifications to the EdChoice Eligibility Criteria

- ❖ Beginning in the FY13 school year, buildings with a D or F grade for BOTH the Performance Index component AND the Value-Added component of the state Report Card were designated as EdChoice eligible.
- ❖ However, under current law a building is eligible for EdChoice if it meets 1 of the following criteria for 2 of 3 years:
 - Overall building grade of D or F
 - Performance Index Score ranking in the bottom 10% of all buildings
 - 4 Year Graduation Rate grade of D or F
 - K-3 Literacy grade of D or F
 - Building is in a district subject to an Academic Distress Commission (ADC)

Designated School Criteria Impacting WCS

1. Improving At Risk K-3 Readers

- a. Measures elementary students who are not on track to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee benchmark.
- b. Third Grade Reading Guarantee measures the ACTUAL percentage of 3rd graders meeting the TGRG standard.



Designated School Criteria Impacting WCS

School	2019 TGRG Pass Rate
Cherrington	100%
Fouse	99%
Hawthorne	97.1%
Huber Ridge	98.8%
Wilder	96.9%
Pointview	95.6%
Mark Twain (designated 2018)	100%

WCS schools noted as “underperforming” for the *Improving* measure for Ed Choice designation and their actual pass rate for *TGRG (2019)*.

Designated School Criteria Impacting WCS

2. Performance – Value Added (overall) from 2018-2019
 - a. Each year is a three year aggregate.
 - i. 2018 is an aggregate of 2016, 2017, and 2018
 - ii. 2019 is an aggregate of 2017, 2018, and 2019
 - b. Improvement in performance is mitigated.
 - c. Uses Value Added data from previous years that the state legislature determined was unfair and changed in HB166.

Concerns

1. Manner in which changes to the program were made and lack of transparency or time for districts to respond to changes in criteria.
2. Using Report Card data that is currently under review.
3. How the program is funded.
4. Lack of equity-schools receiving voucher revenue are not subject to the same accountability measures.

State Foundation Funding (FY2019)

FY2019 Funding for WCSD



		CALCULATED FUNDING	STATE FUNDING
FOUNDATION FUNDING COMPONENTS:			
A	Opportunity Grant:	39,507,287.46	29,417,365.53
B	Targeted Assistance:	2,420,564.08	1,802,366.68
C	K-3 Literacy Funding:	853,176.92	635,280.70
D	Economic Disadvantaged Funding:	833,845.49	620,886.40
E	Limited English Proficiency Funding:	713,926.41	531,593.93
F	Gifted Education Funding:	742,680.47	553,004.37
G	Transportation Funding (Generally Exempted from Cap):	2,862,637.68	2,862,637.68
H	Special Education Additional Funding (Generally Exempted from Cap):	7,251,663.94	7,251,663.94
I	Capacity Aid:	0.00	0.00
J	Graduation Bonus (Exempted from Cap):	178,327.66	178,327.66
K	Third Grade Reading Bonus (Exempted from Cap):	113,181.87	113,181.87
L	Transitional Aid Guarantee:	0.00	0.00
M	Career Tech Education Funding (Exempted from Overall Guarantee & Cap):	759,702.22	759,702.22

N	Total Formula Funding:	56,236,994.20	44,726,010.98

\$11,510,983.22 Loss Due to Cap

State Foundation Funding (FY 2019)

- ❖ State funding provided for a per pupil allocation in revenue based on the state share index, which is 42% for WCS.
- ❖ Because of the cap placed in the school funding formula, WCS received approximately 34% of the per pupil allocation instead of the calculated 42%.

State Foundation Funding (FY 2019)

- ❖ The State deducts 100% of the per pupil allocation to send to community/charter schools, which are not subject to the state share index or caps

\$2,997 per pupil revenue from state foundation funding

\$9,027 per pupil expense sent to community/charter schools

(\$6,030) per pupil local tax dollars being sent to community/charter schools

Total cost of approximately \$4 million in local tax dollars

State Foundation Funding (FY 2020 & FY2021)

FY20 funding amount is the same as FY19

STATE FUNDING	
A Foundation Formula Funding:	44,726,010.98
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HB 166 essentially froze funding at FY2019 levels, which were already underfunded by over \$11.5 million annually.

Student Wellness and Success Dollars are restricted resources and cannot be used on EdChoice Vouchers.

EdChoice Financial Impact Statewide

(1/2019 July 31 Payment, 1/2019)
 ***** ALL DISTRICTS *****
 SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFER WORKSHEET

						FY 2019	
IRN	Ed Choice	County	Kdg	1-8	9-12	K-12	Transfer
999999	All Districts		2222.02	15049.40	4926.36	22,197.78	\$107,757,454.15-

38% Increase

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 SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFER WORKSHEET

						FY 2020	
IRN	Ed Choice	County	Kdg	1-8	9-12	K-12	Transfer
999999	All Districts		3277.80	17023.57	9342.27	29,643.64	\$148,585,205.25-

FY2019 # of EdChoice Districts = 41 (120 buildings)
 FY2020 # of EdChoice Districts = 164 (517 buildings)
 FY2021 # of EdChoice Districts = 423 (1,228 buildings)

of Students increased **7,445.83**
 \$ Increase **\$40,827,751.10**

Financial Impact to WCSD

- ❖ Approximately 597 students attend 29 private/parochial schools where the district provides services such as transportation.
- ❖ 23 of the 29 private/parochial schools are currently EdChoice providers.
- ❖ Grades K-8 Deductions: \$4,650 per student
- ❖ Grades 9-12 Deductions: \$6,000 per student
- ❖ Estimated impact of EdChoice Vouchers for WCSD is a potential additional expense of \$2.5 to \$3 million per year.

WCS will not receive any state money to offset this additional expense under current law; 100% will come from local tax dollars.

Legislators have heard from school districts,
they need to hear from voters



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