

— TOP TAKEAWAYS —

What is School Choice?

How does educational freedom impact students and families?



SCHOOL CHOICE ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXCEL IN ACADEMICS

- Students in choice programs demonstrate academic improvement.
- Due to increased competition, school choice programs have a positive impact on public school students' test scores.
 - Although test scores may not be the most critical metric in predicting a student's success later in life, it's clear that school choice is not detrimental to public schools (as some have argued).



LOWER LEVELS OF CRIME AND IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIC VIRTUES

School choice programs are associated with...

- Reduced crime rates among students. In fact, [a recent study](#) found that students who experienced Milwaukee's voucher program, the oldest modern private choice program in the nation, had:
 - 79 percent fewer felony convictions.
 - 93 percent fewer convictions for drug crimes.
 - 87 percent fewer convictions for theft.
- Higher levels of:
 - Civic virtues like voter registration.
 - Volunteer rates.
 - Social tolerance of groups with different views.



SCHOOL CHOICE MEANS GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- Expanding school choice gives families the freedom to choose the programs that best meet their children's educational needs.
- Educators are directly accountable to the parents, giving parents and students a greater influence over important decisions involving curriculum, extracurricular activities, discipline policies, and more.
- If a program fails to meet the student's needs, they can go elsewhere.

Expanding school choice is the best way to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education.

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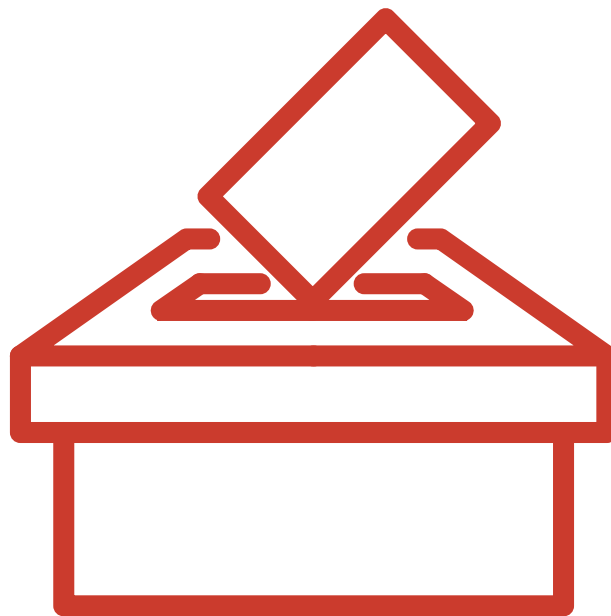


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