

VOUCHER FACTS!



- Private School vouchers do not save taxpayers money. Fewer students do not decrease operating costs for school districts and Maintenance and Operation (M&O).
- It does decrease the amount of money the public schools have available in their budget.



- Vouchers often result in multi-million dollar deficits and tax increases.
- Private School vouchers undermine public schools by diverting resources from public school systems.



- Public School systems educate ALL students.
- Private School vouchers do not lead to improvements in public schools.
- With fewer resources this further stresses our schools and makes it harder to implement improvements needed.



- Private School vouchers do not offer a real choice.
- Private Schools choose which students are allowed to attend their schools. They can accept vouchers but still reject students with vouchers. They DO NOT accept ALL students.



- Private School vouchers do not serve or support students with special needs or disabilities.



- They are not required to follow a student IEP (Individualized Education Plan)
- Private School vouchers do not serve Low-income students because of the cost and fees of their school.



- School fees are often higher than the amount of the voucher.
- Private School vouchers often fund poor-quality schools. Because of the lack of accountability and oversight private schools that use vouchers often do not have teachers with credentials and they lack proper facilities and teach questionable curriculum.



- Private School vouchers do not provide accountability to taxpayers.
- Most programs do not measure success, student achievement, or see if they are meeting the minimum education standards.



- Private School vouchers do not provide students with the same rights and protections they would have otherwise had in public schools, such as IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Title VI, Title IX, and the Every Student Succeeds Act.

- Students who attend private schools are also stripped of their First Amendment, due process, and other statutory rights guaranteed to them in public schools.

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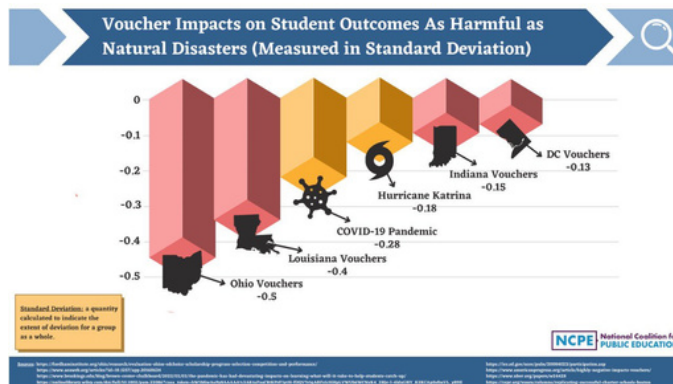
- Private School vouchers violate the fundamental principle of religious freedom because they pay for religious education with taxpayer funds.
- They also threaten the autonomy of religious schools by opening them up to government audits, control, and interference.
- A study of seven states that implemented vouchers show that all voucher programs have more than doubled in cost.
- From 119% in Wisconsin to 883% in Georgia.
- A study of seven states that implemented vouchers showed that they decreased public school funding even though public education costs increased.
- In other states the cost of educating a student with a voucher is 75% higher than the cost of educating a student in public school.
- Private school voucher students performed in the 24th percentile points below their public school peers in math.
- Vouchers do not help students thrive!
- Vouchers make it easier for students to fall behind and accountability to FAIL.
- Vouchers are not going to lower your property taxes.
- They are going to blow a massive hole on state budgets and local property taxes.
- 1% of Texas public school students attend underfunded schools.
- Texas ranks 41st in per pupil funding.
- 25% of Texas public schools are in Rural areas. Over 165 counties DO NOT have private schools.
- Often, public schools are the #1 employer in their towns. Vouchers would harm rural public schools with no benefit to rural students.
- Private School vouchers do not improve academic achievement.
- In most states it has led to declines in academic achievement and often as more harmful than Natural Disasters.



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