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SCHOOL CHOICE: A MOVEMENT WITH MOMENTUM

The Facts About School Choice



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A record number of children benefit from a record number of private school choice programs operating in a record number of states.

- In the 2008-09 school year, approximately 171,000* children are participating in 18 school choice programs in 10 states and the District of Columbia.

The school choice movement is continuing to make progress throughout the country.

- In 2008, Georgia enacted a \$50 million scholarship tax credit program, and Louisiana enacted a \$10 million scholarship program for New Orleans. Students are already benefiting from these programs in the 2008-09 school year.
- This year, private school choice programs were expanded or improved in Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Utah. Additionally, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program received continued federal funding into the 2009-10 school year.

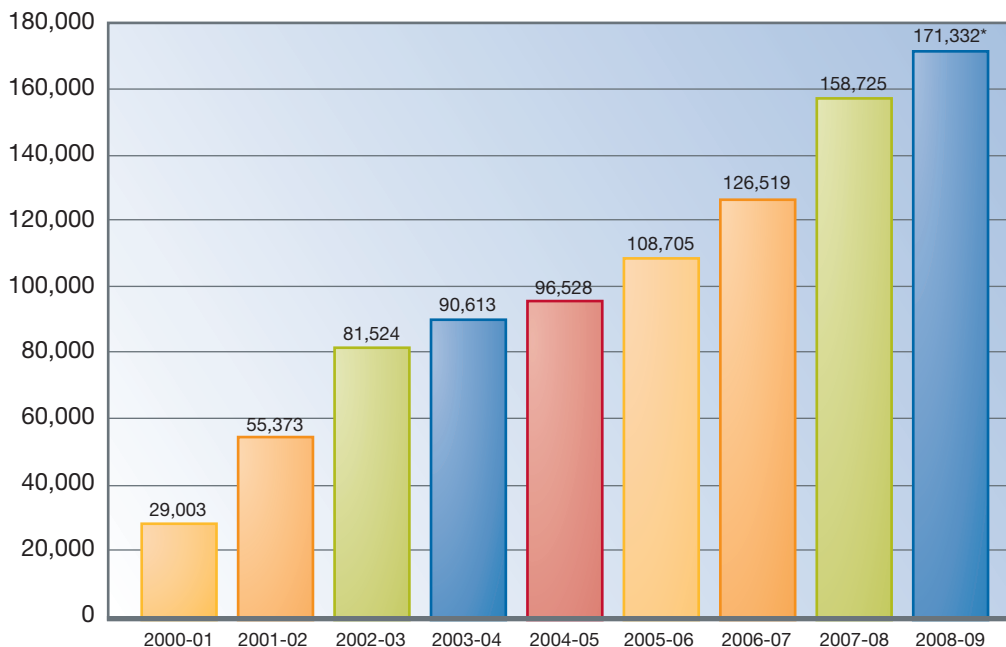
Student participation is growing.

- Student participation is up 8 percent over the 2007-08 school year and up 89 percent over five years.
- Student participation is up in all types of programs over five years:
 - Enrollment in scholarship tax credit programs is up 90 percent.
 - Enrollment in general voucher programs is up 94 percent.
 - Enrollment in special needs voucher programs is up 76 percent.

Support in state legislatures is expanding.

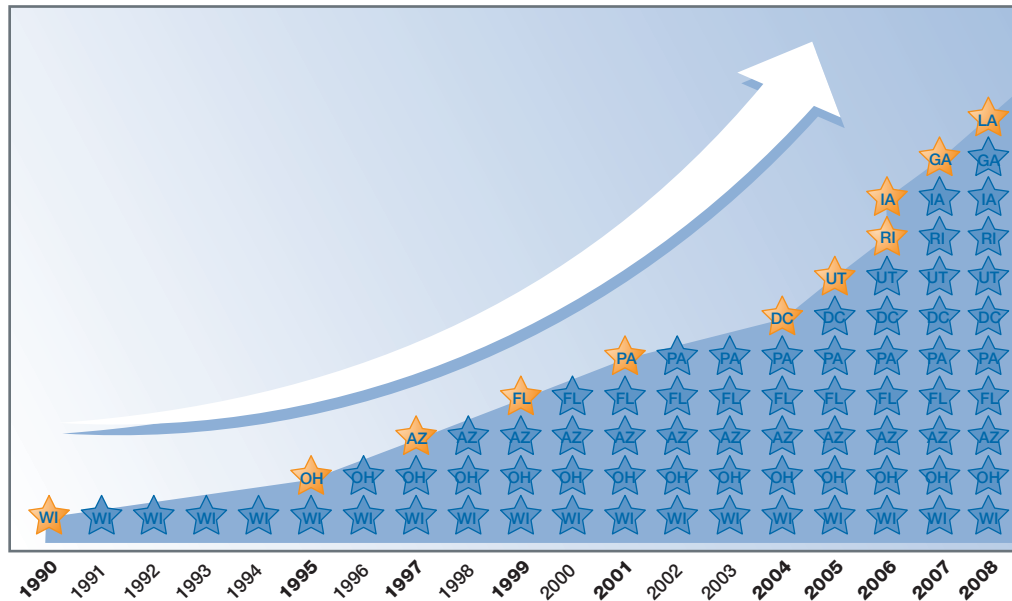
- In the 2007-08 legislative session, school choice bills were introduced in 44 states.
- More than one-quarter of all state legislative chambers passed a private school choice bill during the 2007-08 legislative session.
- In 2008, six states passed a school choice bill in both of their legislative chambers, while an additional five states passed a bill in one chamber.

Recent Student Enrollment Growth in Targeted School Choice Programs



*Estimate based on latest available 2008-09 program data and historical enrollment growth trends.

States with Private School Choice Programs



Growth in Number of Programs

