



**SCHOOL
CHOICE
OHIO**

OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP

MAKING AN IMPACT IN COLUMBUS

PROMOTING · EQUAL · ACCESS · TO · QUALITY · EDUCATIONAL · OPTIONS

Across Ohio, thousands of parents are using an EdChoice Scholarship to select the school of their choice. The EdChoice Scholarship, the largest of its kind in the nation, allows students in underperforming public schools to attend private school.

“The combination of community schools, the EdChoice program, public school choice, and open enrollment programs have made Ohio a national leader in promoting programs that give students and parents access to alternative school options.”

—Achieve, Inc. Report *Creating a World-Class Education System in Ohio*

EDUCATIONAL · CHOICE · SCHOLARSHIP · PROGRAM · (EDCHOICE)

- Scholarships are only for students in low-performing public schools – there are 51 public schools designated as low-performing in the Columbus Public Schools
- Scholarship maximum is \$4,500 for grades K-8 and \$5,300 for grades 9-12
- Nearly 10,000 students use the scholarship statewide, with 1,854 using the scholarship in Columbus
- Parents can choose from 48 participating private schools in the Columbus area
- Scholarship program began in 2005

FOR · EDCHOICE · RECIPIENTS, MOST · OF · THEIR · FUNDING · STAYS · IN · COLUMBUS · SCHOOLS

\$11,573

Average per-pupil expenditure in CPS in FY2008

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\$5,200

State deduction to cover EdChoice scholarship amount

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\$6,373

Remains in the public schools even after the student leaves

STUDENTS · ATTEND · QUALITY · SCHOOLS · AND · CONTINUE · TO · TAKE · STATE · ASSESSMENTS

- All private schools that accept EdChoice students adhere to the State Board of Education’s Operating Standards of Ohio’s Schools
- As part of the Ohio Operating Standards, all teachers at private schools hold teaching credentials and licenses, just like public school teachers.
- All students who receive the EdChoice Scholarship take the Ohio Achievement Tests and the Ohio Graduation Test.

