

accountability check

AFC Growth Fund supports strong, commonsense accountability provisions for all private school choice programs. Transparency and accountability is smart public policy, and also provides educational choice advocates with readily available data and information to showcase program successes.

Academic Accountability results in transparency to parents, policy makers, taxpayers and donors. Parents must have the information to choose high-quality schools that meet the needs of their children, while policy makers, taxpayers and donors must measure the impact of private school choice programs on academic achievement and attainment.

Administrative Accountability requires schools to meet health and safety codes, comply with nondiscrimination requirements and conduct background checks on employees. In scholarship tax credit programs, Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) disclose donations and scholarship details, as well as conduct background checks of SGO operators.

Financial Accountability requires schools to file annual financial reports and demonstrate financial viability. In scholarship tax credit programs, financial accountability requires SGOs to demonstrate sound financial standing.

ADMINISTRATIVE			FINANCIAL		ACADEMIC		
HEALTH AND SAFETY	NONDISCRIMINATION	BACKGROUND CHECKS	ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING	PROOF OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY	STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS	PUBLIC REPORTING OF RESULTS	INDEPENDENT EVALUATION

ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS IN VOUCHER PROGRAMS

STATE	PROGRAM	ADMINISTRATIVE			FINANCIAL		ACADEMIC		
		HEALTH AND SAFETY	NONDISCRIMINATION	BACKGROUND CHECKS	ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING	PROOF OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY	STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS	PUBLIC REPORTING OF RESULTS	INDEPENDENT EVALUATION
ARKANSAS	Succeed Scholarship Program For Students With Disabilities	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
FLORIDA	John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
GEORGIA	Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
INDIANA	Choice Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
LOUISIANA	Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
LOUISIANA	School Choice Pilot Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
MISSISSIPPI	Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
MISSISSIPPI	Speech-Language Therapy Scholarship	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
NORTH CAROLINA	Opportunity Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
NORTH CAROLINA	Children with Disabilities Scholarship Grants	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
OHIO	Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
OHIO	Autism Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
OHIO	Educational Choice Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
OHIO	Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
OHIO	Income-Based Scholarship Program	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
OKLAHOMA	Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
UTAH	Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
WASHINGTON, D.C.	D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
WISCONSIN	Milwaukee Parental Choice Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
WISCONSIN	Racine Parental Choice Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Parental Choice Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Special Needs Scholarship Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○

*Not necessarily a standardized test; law requires formal testing procedure

ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS IN SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

STATE	PROGRAM	SGO ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL			SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL				ACADEMIC		
		BACKGROUND CHECKS	DONATION AND SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS REPORTING	ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING	HEALTH AND SAFETY	NONDISCRIMINATION	BACKGROUND CHECKS	PROOF OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY	STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS	PUBLIC REPORTING OF RESULTS	INDEPENDENT EVALUATION
ALABAMA	Tax Credits for Contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
ARIZONA	Individual School Tuition Organization Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
ARIZONA	Corporate School Tuition Organization Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
ARIZONA	Lexie's Law	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
FLORIDA	Florida Tax Credit Scholarship	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GEORGIA	Georgia Scholarship Tax Credit Program	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
INDIANA	Corporate and Individual Scholarship Tax Credit Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
IOWA	Individual and Corporate School Tuition Organization Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
KANSAS	Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
LOUISIANA	Tuition Donation Rebate Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
MONTANA	Tax Credits for Contributions to Student Scholarship Organization	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NEVADA	Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship Program	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire Education Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OKLAHOMA	Equal Opportunity Education Scholarships	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
PENNSYLVANIA	Educational Improvement Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
PENNSYLVANIA	Educational Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island Corporate Scholarship Tax Credit	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
SOUTH CAROLINA	Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
VIRGINIA	Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS IN EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAMS

STATE	PROGRAM	ADMINISTRATIVE			FINANCIAL		ACADEMIC		
		HEALTH AND SAFETY	NONDISCRIMINATION	BACKGROUND CHECKS	PROOF OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY	ANNUAL AUDITS (RANDOM SAMPLE)	STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS	PUBLIC REPORTING OF RESULTS	INDEPENDENT EVALUATION
ARIZONA	Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
FLORIDA	The Gardiner Scholarship Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
MISSISSIPPI	Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
NEVADA	Nevada Educational Savings Account Program	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TENNESSEE	Individualized Education Account Program	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○