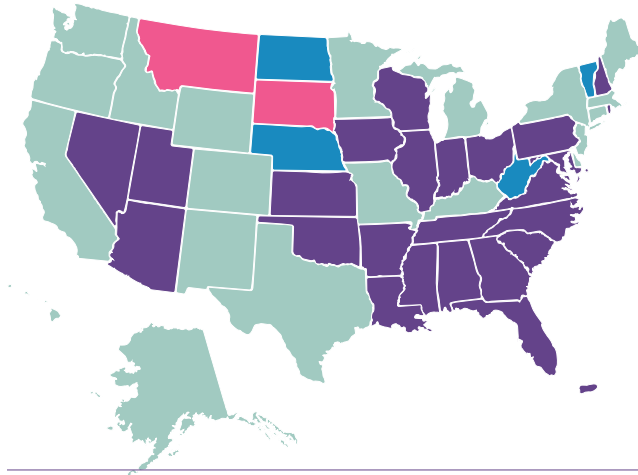


# The School Choice Fact Sheet 2018

## NATIONAL SNAPSHOT



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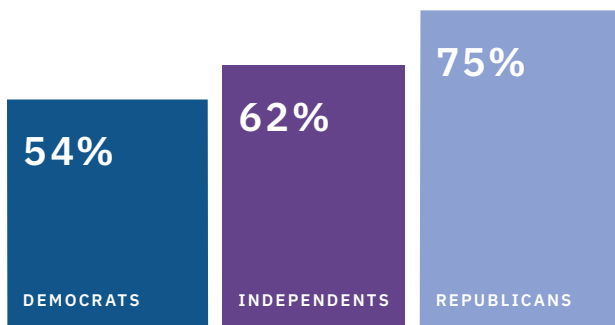
There are 54 publicly funded private school choice programs in 26 states + D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Private school choice programs are serving approximately **500,000 students** today.

Since 2012, enrollment has **more than doubled**.

## SUPPORT

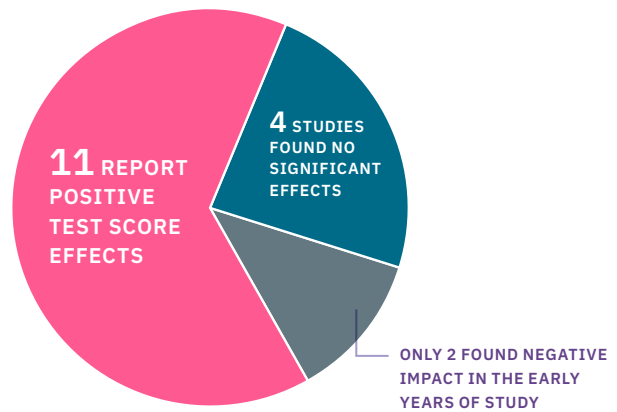
Support for private school choice programs by political affiliation:



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## RESULTS

There have been 17 empirical studies that have examined academic outcomes for private school choice participants using random assignment, the “gold standard” of social science.



# Types of Programs

## EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Education savings account programs (ESAs) give parents the power to use their child's state education dollars on approved education expenses including tuition and fees, textbooks and tutoring. Families receive funds in an account and are able to customize education to their child's specific needs. Six states currently have ESA programs.

## SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS

Scholarship tax credit programs give families greater access to private schools by providing scholarships. The state creates tax credit incentives for businesses and individuals to donate to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to students. Currently 18 states have a scholarship tax credit program.

## VOUCHER PROGRAMS

Voucher programs allow education dollars to "follow the child," giving parents the opportunity choose a private school for their child and receive a state-funded scholarship to pay tuition. Thirteen states in addition to Washington, D.C. have a school voucher program.

## PARENTAL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Individual state income tax credits of a significant size are used for a child's education expenses, including private school tuition, and can assist families access educational options they otherwise could not afford. Two states have a parental tax credit program.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools run by educators, members of the community or other bodies, using innovative and specialized education programs.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

Public school choice, or open enrollment, allows students attending poor-performing public schools to attend a higher-performing public school inside or outside of their assigned school district.

## COURSE CHOICE

Course choice, also known as course access, allows K-12 students to enroll in individual course options, from both public and private providers, using state funds. Many courses are available online, but some are offered in traditional or blended learning formats.

## VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

Virtual, or online education, allows students to take one or all school courses online, allowing for more flexibility and options in education.

