



SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

School Choice

RESEARCH

State Policy Tracking

Education Commission of the States' staff review enacted state legislation weekly — for hundreds of education topics including school choice — to keep our [State Education Policy Tracking](#) resource updated. This interactive resource allows users to search and filter by state, issue, sub-issue and keywords. Our website also includes an [archive of 1993-2017](#) state legislation on school choice topics.

REPORTS

50-State Comparisons

Education Commission of the States researches key education issues and provides 50-State Comparisons showing how all states approach specific policies and Individual State Profiles demonstrating each state's approach. These are available for three school choice topics:

■ Charter School Policies

- [50-State Comparison](#)
- [Individual State Profiles](#)

■ Open Enrollment

- [50-State Comparison](#)
- [Individual State Profiles](#)

■ Vouchers

- [50-State Comparison](#)
- [Individual State Profiles](#)

Policy Reports

Education Commission of the States regularly issues relevant and timely reports providing education leaders with concise overviews on the full spectrum of state education policies. School choice reports include:

- [An Overview of Scholarship Tax Credit Programs](#) (2019)
- [Open Enrollment Quick Guide](#) (2018)
- [Charter School Accountability Under ESSA](#) (2017)
- [Charter Authorizers: What they are & why they matter](#) (2017)
- [Voucher Programs](#) (2017)
- [School Choice Glossary](#) (2017)
- [Open Enrollment: Overview and 2016 legislative update](#) (2017)
- [Education Savings Accounts: Key provisions and state variations](#) (2016)
- [State Homeschool Policies: A Patchwork of Provisions](#) (2015)

Blog Posts

The Education Commission of the States' blog, *Ed Note*, includes several posts related to school choice:

- [Exploring the Landscape of Arts Education and School Choice](#) (2019)
- [Charter School Students Are Public School Students, Too](#) – Dan Schaller, Colorado League of Charter Schools (2018)
- [Shifting Tides in the School Choice Debate Ben Erwin, National Conference of State Legislatures](#) (2018)
- [Using North Carolina's New ESA Program to Support Students With Disabilities](#) – NC State Sen. Michael V. Lee (2018)
- [Federal Tax Credits for K-12 Scholarships are Coming. Is Your State Ready?](#) – Michael J. Petrelli, Thomas B. Fordham Institute (2017)
- [Get Your Charter Sector Ready for ESSA. Do You Need a Gut Job or a Coat of Paint?](#) – Amanda Fenton, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (2017)
- [Open Enrollment: Not as simple as it seems](#) – Micah Ann Wixom, Education Commission of the States (2017)[School Vouchers: Things to consider](#) – Hunter Railey, Education Commission of the States (2017)
- [Charter School Legislation: What to watch for in 2017](#) – Todd Ziebarth, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (2017)

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State Information Requests

Education Commission of the States' policy team responds to hundreds of requests for information each year. A few examples of our responses to school choice-related topics include:

- [State Information Request: School Choice Programs for Native American Students](#)
- [State Information Request: School Choice Programs](#)
- [State Information Request: The Arts and School Choice – State Policies](#)
- [State Information Request: Accountability and Homeschooling](#)
- [State Information Request: The Arts and School Choice – Research](#)
- [State Information Request: Online Education and Program Partnerships](#)
- [State Information Request: The Arts and School Choice – Funding](#)
- [State Information Request: Education Savings Account \(ESA\) Programs](#)
- [State Information Request: The Arts and School Choice – Accountability](#)