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## 50-State Comparison

## **Vouchers**

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STATE	Program Name	Voucher amount
Arkansas	Succeed Scholarship Program	The state's per-pupil amount or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
District of Columbia	Opportunity Scholarship Program	For the 2011-12 school year: - K-8: \$8,000 - 9-12: \$12,000  The voucher amount is adjusted for inflation annually based on the Consumer Price Index.
Florida	John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program	The state's per-pupil amount or the amount of private school tuition, whichever is less.
	Family Empowerment Scholarship	95% of the state's per-pupil amount or the amount of the private school tuition, whichever is less.
Georgia	Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program	The state's per-pupil amount or the amount of the private school tuition, whichever is less.

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Indiana	Choice Scholarship Program	Equal to the sum of tuition, transfer tuition and fees OR - 90% of state tuition support for students with household incomes not more than the amount of scholarship eligibility 70% of state tuition support for students with household incomes not more than 125% of scholarship eligibility 50% of state tuition support for students with household incomes not more than 150% of scholarship eligibility.  Whichever is less.
Louisiana	Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence	The state's per-pupil amount.
	School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities	50% of the state's per-pupil amount but may not exceed the amount of tuition charged by the nonpublic school.
Maine	Town Tuitioning Program	Elementary school: - For students attending a public school in another district as a tuition student, the school district's per-pupil cost for the preceding school year, although the sending school district may approve a higher tuition rate with a vote Private school tuition may not exceed the average per-pupil cost in all public elementary schools in the state for the previous school year.  High school: - For students attending a public school in another district as a tuition student, whichever is less of the state's per-student amount or an amount determined by a statutory formula, although the sending school district may approve a higher tuition rate with a vote For students attending a private school, whichever is less of the state's per-student amount or an amount determined by a statutory formula. Tuition also includes an insured value factor as outlined in statute. Private schools may also charge tuition up to 15% above the allowed amount in some circumstances.

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Maryland	Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program	Award amounts determined by the BOOST Advisory Board. Unless the student has special needs due to a disability the voucher may not be more than the state per-pupil amount or school tuition, whichever is less.
Mississippi	Nate Rogers Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program/ Speech-Language Therapy Scholarship for Students with Speech- Language Impairments Program	The voucher may not exceed the state's per-pupil amount.
	Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program	The voucher may not exceed the state's per-pupil amount.
New Hampshire	Town Tuitioning Program	Current operating expenses, as estimated by the state board of education for the preceding school year.
North Carolina	Opportunity Scholarship	Students with household incomes at or below the income guidelines for free or reduced-price meal programs: \$4,200 per year or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
		Students with household incomes above the income guidelines for free or reduced-price meal programs: 90% of the school's tuition and fees, up to \$4,200.
	Special Education Scholarships for Children with Disabilities	\$8,000 per year.
		In addition, parents may apply to be reimbursed for certain, pre- approved special education services if the student has received at least 75 days of special education services.
Ohio	Educational Choice Scholarship Program	K-8: \$4,650
		9-12: \$6,000 or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.

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	EdChoice Expansion Program	K-8: \$4,650
		9-12: \$6,000.
		Under the expansion program, students with household incomes between at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines may not be charged a tuition fee more than the voucher amount. Students with household incomes between 200% and 400% of federal guidelines receive reduced voucher amounts.
		Above 250% and below 300%: 75% of the voucher amount.
		Above 300% and below 400%: 50% of the voucher amount.
	Autism Scholarship Program	\$27,000 or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
	Joh Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program	\$27,000, the state's per-pupil amount, or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
	Cleveland Scholarship Program	K-8: \$4,250, or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
		9-12: \$5,700 or the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
Oklahoma	Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program	The state's per-pupil amount, including grade and disability weights for the applicable school year, or the amount of the private school's tuition and fees, whichever is less.
		The state may retain 2.5% of the voucher amount for administrative services.

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Utah	Carson Smith Scholarship Program	For students who receive an average of 180 minutes per day of special education services: The state's per pupil amount times 2.5 or the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less.  For students who receive an average of less than 180 minutes per day of special education services: The state's per pupil amount times 1.5 or the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less.  Students enrolled in half-day kindergarten or part-day preschool program receive the state's per pupil amount times .55
Vermont	Town Tuitioning Program	The state's per pupil amount.
Wisconsin	Milwaukee Parental Choice Program	<ul> <li>All teachers and administrators have a teacher license or meet other requirements.</li> <li>Participating schools must be accredited by an accrediting agency.</li> <li>Provides minimum yearly instruction of 1,050 hours for grades 1-6 and 1,137 for grades 7-12.</li> <li>Schools may only reject students for capacity issues. If applications exceed capacity, the school must hold a lottery and give preference to previous students, siblings of previously enrolled students, students attending another private school under the choice program and their siblings.</li> <li>Participating schools may not charge tuition beyond the voucher amount for students in grades K-8 and students in high school with household incomes at or below 220% of federal poverty guidelines. However, schools may charge reasonable fees for various things, although unpaid fees cannot affect a student's grades.</li> <li>Participating schools must meet one of several standards (see (7)(a) for specifics).</li> <li>Adopt standards in math, science, reading and writing, geography, and history.</li> </ul>
	Racine Parental Private School Choice Program	For the 2020-21 school year: K-8: \$8,300 9-12: \$8,946
		The maximum voucher amount will increase by an amount equivalent to an increases in state public school funding.

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	Wisconsin Parental Choice Program	For the 2020-21 school year: K-8: \$8,300 9-12: \$8,946
		Starting in the 2015-16 school year, the maximum voucher amount will increase by an amount equivalent to an increases in state public school funding.
	Wisconsin Special Needs Scholarship Program	For the 2020-21 school year, the maximum voucher amount is \$12,977.
		Starting 2016-17 school year, the maximum voucher amount increases equal to increases in the dollar amount in general school aid to Wisconsin public schools.
		Also, if participating private schools submit a financial statement to the Department of Public Instruction, the state will provide up to 150% of the maximum voucher amount.
		The state also provides an option, high-cost reimbursement of 90% of the cost, if the cost exceeds 150% of the maximum voucher amount.