

Educational Choice for Children Act *H.R.531 and S.120*

The *Educational Choice for Children Act* ([ECCA](#)) was re-introduced in January 2023 by Senators Bill Cassidy (LA) and Tim Scott (SC) and by Representatives Adrian Smith (NE-3) and Burgess Owens (UT-4). There are 29 Senate [co-sponsors](#) and 148 House [co-sponsors](#) of this legislation, including House Speaker Mike Johnson, which is the most congressional support ever for a bill to enact parental choice in education.

Federal scholarship tax credit. Non-refundable 100 percent credit to encourage individual and corporate contributions to not-for-profit scholarship granting organizations (SGOs); that is, private donations of up to \$10 billion annually to enable parents to choose the best, most suitable school or education service for approximately two million children. There is no role for the U.S. Department of Education and no new federal spending nor mandates on states and school districts.

Eligible students. Students in grades kindergarten through 12 from both low-income and middle-class households are eligible in every state and every school setting, including homeschool; that is, children in households with incomes up to 300 percent of the median gross income level by region as [determined](#) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Scholarship use. SGOs determine the individual amount of scholarship awards and uses, including tuition, tutoring, education technology, on-line courses, and special needs services, e.g., students could remain in district public schools in more rural areas while using scholarships for education needs other than tuition or to cover homeschool expenses.

Religious liberty and private school autonomy. Prohibits governmental control, mandates or encroachment over SGOs that receive tax-credited contributions and schools that enroll scholarship recipients.

“Commitment to America”. The [legislative means](#) in the House Republican [Commitment](#) to “expand [parental choice](#) so that more than a million students can receive the education their parents know is best.”

Public Support. RealClear Opinion Research [poll](#) in December 2023, which surveyed 1,000 registered voters, found that candidates’ support of school choice makes voters across-the-board more likely to support them. 76% of voters overall say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports school choice. Support includes: 86% of Republicans, 77% of Democrats, and 67% of Independents. The Yes. Every Kid. organization [poll](#) in September 2023 found that 66% of voters support scholarship tax credits. This includes: 80% of parents, 75% percent of Republicans, 65% of Independents, and 65% of Democrats. School choice enjoys more across-the-board voter support of any public policy issue over time. In October 2023, the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means conducted a [hearing](#) that prominently featured the ECCA.

Coalition Support. There are more than 130 national and state-based organizations and influencers that support and have endorsed the ECCA.

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National Organizations

ACE Scholarships
ACSI Children's Education Fund (ACEF)
Agudath Israel of America
America First Policy Institute
American Association of Christian Schools
American Federation for Children (AFC)
American Principles Project
Americans for Tax Reform
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Catholic Education Partners
CatholicVote
Center for Education Reform
Children's Scholarship Fund
Club for Growth
Coalition for Jewish Values
Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Catholic Education (USCCB)
Council for American Private Education (CAPE)
Defense of Freedom Institute (DFI)
Family Policy Alliance
Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcellinEd)
Freedom Foundation
FreedomWorks
Heartland Institute
Heritage Action for America
Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)
Independent Women's Forum – Education Freedom Center
Mountain States Policy Center
Orthodox Union Advocacy
Parental Rights Foundation
Parents Defending Education Action
Partners in Mission
Protect the First
60Plus Association

State-Level Organizations and Leaders

Alabama

Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund (AOSF)
Alabama Policy Institute (API)
Scholarships for Kids

Alaska

Alaska Family Action

Arizona

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO)
Arizona Leadership Foundation
Institute for Better Education
School Tuition Organization 4 Kidz (STO4KIDZ)
Tuition Organization for Private Schools (T.O.P.S. for Kids)

Arkansas

Arkansas Parents for School Choice
The Arkansas Reform Alliance
Laurie Lee, Chair, The Arkansas Reform Alliance

California

California Policy Center
Lance Izumi, JD, distinguished school choice leader

Colorado

Hon. Cory Gardner, former U.S. Senator, Colorado
Parents Challenge
Ready Colorado
The Schuck Initiatives Foundation

Delaware

Caesar Rodney Institute

Florida

Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Georgia

Frontline Policy Action
Georgia Center for Opportunity (GCO)
Georgia Leadership Foundation

Idaho

Idaho Family Policy Center

Illinois

Awake Illinois
One Chance Illinois – Action
Unique Learners Unite (ULU)
Ambassador Ronald Gidwitz, former Chairman,
Illinois State Board of Education

Iowa

The Family Leader
Hispanic Alliance for Choice in Education Reform (HACER)
Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education

Kansas

Kansas Family Voice

Kentucky

Commonwealth Educational Opportunities
Commonwealth Policy Center
EdChoice Kentucky

Louisiana

LA Kids Matter
Louisiana Family Forum
Eddie Rispone, Founder – ACE Scholarships Louisiana
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Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors

Michigan

Great Lakes Education Project
Mackinac Center for Public Policy
Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)
St. John Lutheran School

Minnesota

Minnesota Parents Alliance
Opportunity for All Kids (OAK)

Mississippi

Empower Mississippi

Missouri

Agudath Israel of Missouri
Herzog Tomorrow Foundation

Montana

Frontier Institute
Montana Leadership Foundation

State-Level Organizations and Leaders Cont.

New Hampshire

Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire

New Jersey

Excellent Education for Everyone (E3)
Jersey 1st

New York

Empire Center for Public Policy
BISON Children's Scholarship Fund
Families for NYC

Hon. John J. Faso, former Member of Congress, New York
Partnership Schools – New York and Ohio
New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms

Nebraska

Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska

Nevada

Student Choice Fund of Nevada

North Carolina

Parents for Educational Freedom North Carolina (PEFNC)

Ohio

Center for Christian Virtue
School Choice Ohio
Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF)
Ohio Christian Education Network

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA)
Opportunity Scholarship Fund of Oklahoma
Tax Credit Scholarship Program

Pennsylvania

Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)
Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund
Commonwealth Partners
Commonwealth Children's Choice Fund
Pennsylvania Commonwealth Foundation
David P. Hardy, Co-Founder, Boys' Latin School
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Pennsylvania Family Council
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Rhode Island

Rhode Island Center for Freedom & Prosperity

South Carolina

Palmetto Family Council

South Dakota

South Dakota Leadership Foundation

Tennessee

Beacon Center of Tennessee
Latinos for Tennessee
Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST)

Texas

San Antonio Coalition for School Choice

Virginia

The Family Foundation of Virginia
Middle Resolution Policy Network
Virginia Education Opportunity Alliance (VEOA)
Hon. Robert W. Goodlatte, former Member of Congress, Virginia

Wisconsin

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School Choice Wisconsin
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