

— TOP TAKEAWAYS —

## What is School Choice?

*How does educational freedom impact students and families?*



### SCHOOL CHOICE ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXCEL IN ACADEMICS

- Students in choice programs demonstrate academic improvement.
- Due to increased competition, school choice programs have a positive impact on public school students' test scores.
  - Although test scores may not be the most critical metric in predicting a student's success later in life, it's clear that school choice is not detrimental to public schools (as some have argued).



### LOWER LEVELS OF CRIME AND IMPROVEMENTS IN CIVIC VIRTUES

*School choice programs are associated with...*

- Reduced crime rates among students. In fact, [a recent study](#) found that students who experienced Milwaukee's voucher program, the oldest modern private choice program in the nation, had:
  - 79 percent fewer felony convictions.
  - 93 percent fewer convictions for drug crimes.
  - 87 percent fewer convictions for theft.
- Higher levels of:
  - Civic virtues like voter registration.
  - Volunteer rates.
  - Social tolerance of groups with different views.



### SCHOOL CHOICE MEANS GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- Expanding school choice gives families the freedom to choose the programs that best meet their children's educational needs.
- Educators are directly accountable to the parents, giving parents and students a greater influence over important decisions involving curriculum, extracurricular activities, discipline policies, and more.
- If a program fails to meet the student's needs, they can go elsewhere.

*Expanding school choice is the best way to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education.*

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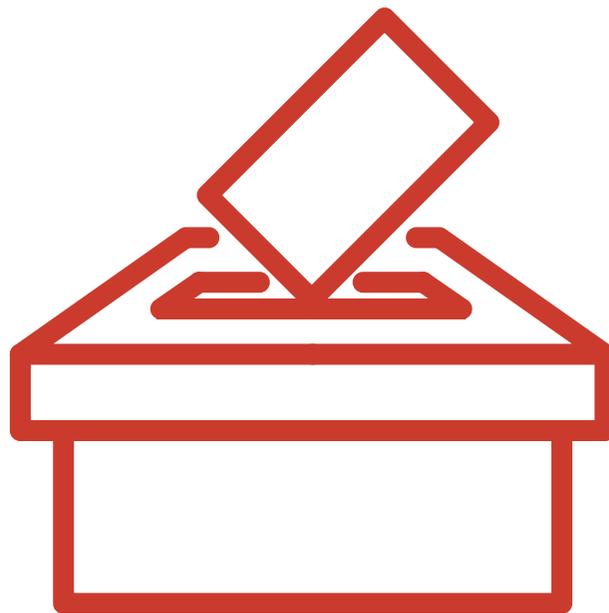


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