



SCHOOL CHOICE MATTERS

# Ohio Policy Report

# Introduction

## PURPOSE

A combination of well-designed policies give all students access to the broadest range of educational opportunities, including key core policies and helpful policy enhancers. The purpose of this document is to provide insight to how well your state is doing at implementing the Ecosystem of School Choice Policies. This state report summarizes evidence across the seven policy buckets, with each policy component detailed in individual cells.

## CORE POLICIES

Key policies expand student opportunities.



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## POLICY ENHANCERS

Supporting policies enhance those opportunities.



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CORE POLICIES



## Open Enrollment in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p>Transfers Between Districts</p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Sending and/or receiving districts have discretion over transfers</p>	<p>Ohio Code requires boards of education to adopt one of the following policies relating to interdistrict open enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a policy that entirely prohibits open enrollment, other than students for whom tuition is paid;</li> <li>• a policy that permits open enrollment from all adjacent districts; or</li> <li>• a policy that permits open enrollment from all other districts.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.98 Interdistrict enrollment policy)</a></p> <p>All public school districts in Ohio are required to accept students from active-duty military families for open enrollment, regardless of the district’s existing open enrollment policy.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Revised Code 3313.98)</a></p>
<p>Transfers Within Districts</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Mandatory policy allowing students to transfer schools</p>	<p>Ohio Code requires boards of education to adopt open enrollment policies that allow students to enroll in a school other than the one to which the student is assigned by the district superintendent.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.97 Alternative school open enrollment policy procedures)</a></p>

Year-round Transfer Window	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Restricted transfer window</p>	<p>Ohio Code relating to both interdistrict and intradistrict enrollment gives districts discretion to establish application procedures, including deadlines for applications.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.97 Alternative school open enrollment policy procedures; Ohio Rev. Code 3313.98 Interdistrict enrollment policy)</a></p>
Tuition-Free Public Schools	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Tuition can be charged</p>	<p>Ohio Code provides that boards of education may choose to participate in open enrollment only if parents pay tuition for the child.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3317.08 Tuition for nonresident pupils)</a></p>
School Capacity Transparency	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Only some information reported</p>	<p>Ohio Code provides that for those districts that establish an interdistrict enrollment policy, the policy must establish district capacity limits by grade level, school building, and education program.</p> <p>School boards that allow open enrollment must provide information about the policy and application procedures and deadlines to other districts or parents of students.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.98 Interdistrict enrollment policy)</a></p> <p>For intradistrict enrollment policies adopted by districts, district capacity limits by grade level, school building, and education program must be established. Policies must be provided to the parents of each student in the district and to the general public.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.97 Alternative school open enrollment policy procedures)</a></p>
Transfer Data Transparency	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Information only collected and/or some data not reported</p>	<p>The Department of Education &amp; Workforce collects and reports information on district-level open enrollment, including the policy for each district in the state.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Open Enrollment; see Open Enrollment Listing)</a></p>
Transparent Appeal Process	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p>Ohio Code does not provide for an appeals process if a district denies a transfer application.</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

Statutes	Administrative Code	State Department of Education
<p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.97 Alternative school open enrollment policy procedures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.98 Interdistrict enrollment policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.984 Intradistrict open enrollment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3317.08 Tuition for nonresident pupils</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 3301-48-01 Intradistrict open enrollment programs</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 3301-48-02 Interdistrict open enrollment programs</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Open Enrollment</a></p>



## Charter Schools in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p><b>Multiple Charter Authorizers</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Multiple authorizers</p>	<p>Charter schools, or community schools as they are called in Ohio, may have several sponsors. Each sponsor must enter into an agreement with the Department of Education &amp; Workforce to sponsor community schools.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.015 Oversight of sponsors)</a></p> <p>The following entities may be sponsors in Ohio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of education of a school district or the governing board of an educational service center that agrees to the conversation of all or part of a school or building;</li> </ul> <p>Or any of the following entities that have been approved by the Department of Education &amp; Workforce to sponsor community schools or is exempted from obtaining approval, and with which the governing authority of a community school enters into a contract with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of education in district where school is proposed to be located;</li> <li>• Board of education of any joint vocational school district with territory in the county in which is located the majority of the territory of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;</li> <li>• The board of education of any other city, local or exempted village school district having territory in the same county where the district in which the school is proposed to be located has the major portion of its territory;</li> <li>• The governing board of any educational service center, regardless of the location of the school, provided certain requirements are met;</li> <li>• A sponsoring authority designated by the board of trustees of any of the 13 state universities or the board of trustees itself, provided certain conditions are met;</li> <li>• Any qualified tax-exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Code, so long as certain conditions are met;</li> <li>• The mayor of a city in which the majority of the territory of a school district is located, with certain limitations.</li> </ul>

		<p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.02 Establishment of a community school – conversation and start-up)</a></p> <p>Ohio Code further provides that entities may apply to the Department of Education &amp; Workforce for direct authorization to establish a community school.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.029 Ohio school sponsorship program)</a></p>
<p><b>Charter Appeal Process</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>No appeals process</p>	<p>Ohio Code does not provide for appeals relating to authorizer’s decisions.</p>
<p><b>Charter Regulatory Flexibility</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Some or no exemptions</p>	<p>Ohio Code provides specific requirements for what must be included in contracts entered into between sponsors and the governing authority of community schools. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifications of the employees of the school, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A requirement that the school’s classroom teachers be licensed, except that a community school may engage noncertificated individuals to teach up to 12 hours or 40 hours per week</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assurance that the school will comply with the following Revised Code sections: <a href="#">9.90</a>, <a href="#">9.91</a>, <a href="#">109.65</a>, <a href="#">121.22</a>, <a href="#">149.43</a>, <a href="#">2151.357</a>, <a href="#">2151.421</a>, <a href="#">2313.19</a>, <a href="#">3301.0710</a>, <a href="#">3301.0711</a>, <a href="#">3301.0712</a>, <a href="#">3301.0715</a>, <a href="#">3301.0729</a>, <a href="#">3301.948</a>, <a href="#">3302.037</a>, <a href="#">3313.472</a>, <a href="#">3313.50</a>, <a href="#">3313.539</a>, <a href="#">3313.5310</a>, <a href="#">3313.5318</a>, <a href="#">3313.5319</a>, <a href="#">3313.608</a>, <a href="#">3313.609</a>, <a href="#">3313.6012</a>, <a href="#">3313.6013</a>, <a href="#">3313.6014</a>, <a href="#">3313.6015</a>, <a href="#">3313.6020</a>, <a href="#">3313.6024</a>, <a href="#">3313.6025</a>, <a href="#">3313.6026</a>, <a href="#">3313.6028</a>, <a href="#">3313.6029</a>, <a href="#">3313.643</a>, <a href="#">3313.648</a>, <a href="#">3313.6411</a>, <a href="#">3313.6413</a>, <a href="#">3313.66</a>, <a href="#">3313.661</a>, <a href="#">3313.662</a>, <a href="#">3313.666</a>, <a href="#">3313.667</a>, <a href="#">3313.668</a>, <a href="#">3313.669</a>, <a href="#">3313.6610</a>, <a href="#">3313.67</a>, <a href="#">3313.671</a>, <a href="#">3313.672</a>, <a href="#">3313.673</a>, <a href="#">3313.69</a>, <a href="#">3313.71</a>, <a href="#">3313.716</a>, <a href="#">3313.718</a>, <a href="#">3313.719</a>, <a href="#">3313.7112</a>, <a href="#">3313.7117</a>, <a href="#">3313.721</a>, <a href="#">3313.753</a>, <a href="#">3313.80</a>, <a href="#">3313.814</a>, <a href="#">3313.816</a>, <a href="#">3313.817</a>, <a href="#">3313.818</a>, <a href="#">3313.819</a>, <a href="#">3313.86</a>, <a href="#">3313.89</a>, <a href="#">3313.96</a>, <a href="#">3319.073</a>, <a href="#">3319.077</a>, <a href="#">3319.078</a>, <a href="#">3319.0812</a>, <a href="#">3319.238</a>, <a href="#">3319.318</a>, <a href="#">3319.321</a>, <a href="#">3319.324</a>, <a href="#">3319.39</a>, <a href="#">3319.391</a>, <a href="#">3319.393</a>, <a href="#">3319.41</a>, <a href="#">3319.46</a>, <a href="#">3320.01</a>, <a href="#">3320.02</a>, <a href="#">3320.03</a>, <a href="#">3321.01</a>, <a href="#">3321.041</a>, <a href="#">3321.13</a>, <a href="#">3321.14</a>, <a href="#">3321.141</a>, <a href="#">3321.17</a>, <a href="#">3321.18</a>, <a href="#">3321.19</a>, <a href="#">3322.20</a>, <a href="#">3322.24</a>, <a href="#">3323.251</a>, <a href="#">3327.10</a>, <a href="#">4111.17</a>, <a href="#">4113.52</a>, <a href="#">5502.262</a>, <a href="#">5502.703</a>, and <a href="#">5705.391</a> and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply with section <a href="#">3301.0714</a> of the Revised Code in the manner specified in section <a href="#">3314.17</a> of the Revised Code;</li> <li>• Assurance that the school will comply with Revised Code sections related to graduation and diplomas;</li> <li>• And others.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.03 Specifications of contract between sponsor and governing authority – specifications of comprehensive plan (in effect August 14, 2024))</a></p>

		<p>Ohio Code also specifically provides that, except as otherwise provided in Code, community schools will be exempt from all state laws and rules pertaining to schools, school districts, and boards of education.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.04 Exemption from state laws and rules)</a></p> <p>Finally, employees hired by a community school may organize and collectively bargain, pursuant to the Revised Code.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.10 Teachers and nonteaching employees)</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> This Code section, in effect in August 2024, will again be amended in January 2025 – see <a href="#">Section 3313.03 Specifications of contract between sponsor and governing authority – specifications of comprehensive plan (in effect January 1, 2025)</a>.</p>
<p>Equitable Charter Funding</p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Disparities exist</p>	<p>Community schools are to be included in the Department’s annual allocation of federal moneys under Title I of ESEA.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.081 Annual allocation of federal moneys)</a></p> <p>Ohio Code further provides that community schools are considered school districts, and its governing board is a board of education, for purposes of applying to a state or federal agency for federal or state funds or any appropriations from the General Assembly. Community schools may also apply to any private entity for additional funds</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.082 Community schools; application for funds)</a></p> <p>Ohio Code funds students in community schools using a formula that considers the school’s special education ADM and the statewide average base cost per pupil; an amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid; English learner ADM; career-technical education ADM.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3317.026 Community or STEM school unit payment amount)</a></p> <p>Ohio also created the Quality Community School Support Fund to provide additional funding to community schools that meet certain criteria.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Quality Community School Support Fund)</a></p>

<p><b>Charter Facilities Funding</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Some or no facilities funding</p>	<p>Contracts between sponsors and their community schools must make clear what facilities will be used for the community school and how the school plans to acquire the facilities.</p> <p>Community schools may enter into agreements with districts to utilize a facility owned by the district or educational service center.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.05 Specification of use and acquisition of facilities)</a></p>
<p><b>Options for High-Performing Charters</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>High-performing charter schools receive incentives and a favorable regulatory environment</p>	<p>Ohio provides incentives for exemplary sponsors, which includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal of the written agreement with the Department, not to exceed 10 years;</li> <li>• The ability to extend the term of the contract between the sponsoring entity and the community school beyond the term described in the written agreement with the Department;</li> <li>• An exemption from the preliminary agreement and contract adoption and execution deadline requirements;</li> <li>• An exemption from the automatic contract expiration requirement;</li> <li>• No limit on the number of community schools the entity may sponsor</li> <li>• No territorial restrictions on sponsorship.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.016 Community school sponsor evaluations; sponsoring additional schools)</a></p>
<p><b>Charter Zoning Exemptions</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Less than full protections</p>	<p>Unable to locate laws relating to community school exemption from local zoning and other ordinances.</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

**Statutes**

[Ohio Rev. Code 3314.015 Oversight of sponsors](#)

[Ohio Rev. Code 3314.016 Community school sponsor evaluations; sponsoring additional schools](#)

[Ohio Rev. Code 3314.02 Establishment of a community school – conversation and start-up](#)

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[Ohio Rev. Code 3314.082 Community schools; application for funds](#)

**Administrative Code**

[Ohio Admin. Code 3301-102 Community Schools](#)

**State Department of Education**

[Ohio Dept of Education & Workforce, Community Schools](#)

[Ohio Dept of Education & Workforce, Quality Community School Support Fund](#)



## Private School Choice in Ohio

POLICY	OVERALL RATING	PROGRAM OVERVIEW	
<p><b>Universal Eligibility</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off % of all students served</i></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b> Ohio’s K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit provides a tax credit for tuition paid by parents for their dependents to attend a non-chartered private school.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b> Ohio’s K-12 Home Education Tax Credit provides a tax credit for qualifying education expenses for homeschool students.</p> <p>A “qualifying student” is a student who is exempt from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home instruction.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.72 Credit for home instruction expenses)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b> The Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program provides tax credits to individuals who make donations to scholarship granting organizations.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.73 Credit for donations to scholarship organizations)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b> The Income-Based Scholarship Program provides scholarships to K-12 students to attend private schools.</p> <p>“Eligible students” are defined in Ohio Code to include all students in K-12 whose resident district is not a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under Ohio Code.</p>

			<p>Eligible students must also meet certain income eligibility requirements.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.032 Expansion of educational choice scholarship pilot program; income-based eligibility)</a></p>
		LIMITED	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>The Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program is a voucher program for students with special needs to pay for tuition and other services provided by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider. The services must be included in the child’s individualized education plan.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.52 Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Qualified special education children” must meet all of the following in order to receive a voucher under this program:</li> <li>• The child is between the ages of 5 and 22;</li> <li>• The child’s school district has identified the student as a child with a disability;</li> <li>• The child has a developed individualized education program;</li> <li>• The child either:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ was enrolled in the schools of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend in any grade of K-12 in the school year prior to the school year in which a scholarship is first sought;</li> <li>○ is eligible to enter school in any grades K-12 in the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school in the school year in which the scholarship is first sought;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The child has not been approved for a scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot program, the autism scholarship program, or the pilot project scholarship program in the same year; and</li> <li>• The student is in compliance with the state compulsory attendance law.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.51 Definitions for the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p>
		YES	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>The Educational Choice Scholarship Program provides funds to students from designated public schools to attend chartered nonpublic schools.</p>

			<p>“Eligible students” is defined to mean a student who satisfies certain conditions specified in Code Sections <a href="#">3310.03</a>.</p> <p>Code Section <a href="#">3310.03</a> requires students to live in a resident district that is not a school district in which the pilot project scholarship program is operating under Ohio Code. Students also must meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) Be enrolled in a school building operated by the resident district and the building was ranked in the lowest 20% of all buildings operated according to a performance index score as determined by the Department; or the building is operated by a school district in which, for the 3 consecutive school years prior to the school year for which a scholarship is sought, an average of 20% or more of the students entitled to attend school in the district were qualified to be included in the formula to distribute funds under Title I of ESSA; and students meet certain requirements;</li><li>(B) Be enrolled in a nonpublic school at the time the school is granted a charter by the Director of Education and Workforce and the student meets the requirements in section <a href="#">3310.031</a> of the Code;</li><li>(C) If the resident district is subject to Code section 3302.10 and the student (1) is enrolled in a school building operated by the resident district or in a community school; or will be both enrolling in grades K-12 for the first time and is at least 5 years old by January 1 of the school year for which the scholarship is sought.</li></ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.01 Definitions for the educational choice scholarship pilot program; Ohio Rev. Code 3310.03 Eligibility of students to participate in the program)</a></p> <p>The Ohio Department of Education &amp; Workforce provides the following summary of those students who are eligible to apply for a traditional EdChoice scholarship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Those enrolled in and attending EdChoice public school buildings in their districts of residence;</li><li>• Students enrolled in and attending community schools who would otherwise be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings;</li><li>• Students enrolled in and attending public schools in their districts of residence who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings for the upcoming year;</li><li>• Students enrolling in Ohio schools for the first time who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings;</li><li>• Students whose sibling received a traditional EdChoice Scholarship in the preceding year;</li></ul>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students entering grades K-12 who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings regardless of where they attended school the previous year;</li> <li>• Students who previously received an Autism or Jon Peterson Scholarship but no longer qualify because they no longer need special education services;</li> <li>• Students who are foster children;</li> <li>• Students who reside in a certified foster home;</li> <li>• Students placed with a guardian, legal custodian or in kinship care;</li> <li>• Students who reside in the same household as a student who was placed with a guardian, legal custodian or in kinship care for at least 45 consecutive days;</li> <li>• Students who reside in the household of another for at least 45 days and but for not living there would have been homeless; or</li> <li>• Students who reside in a household with a student who would have been homeless (see previous criteria) for at least 45 consecutive days.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Scholarship)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b>                  The Ohio Autism Scholarship Program is a voucher program, providing funding for students with autism for education services from an alternative public provider or by a registered private provider.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.41 Autism scholarship program)</a></p> <p>Students eligible to receive this scholarship are “qualified special education children” – any of the following conditions must apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school district in which the student is entitled to attend school has identified the child as autistic.</li> <li>• The school district where the student is entitled to attend school has developed an individualized education program that includes services related to autism;</li> <li>• The child has been diagnosed as autistic by a physician or psychologist.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.41 Autism scholarship program)</a></p>

		LIMITED	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b>                  The Cleveland Scholarship Program provides vouchers to students in K-12 living in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to attend private schools or public schools bordering the district.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Cleveland Scholarship)</a></p>
<p><b>Comparable Student Funding</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Funding below 90%</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	LIMITED	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b>                  The tax credit provides the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000 if the taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income is less than \$50,000;</li> <li>• \$1,500 if the taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income equals or exceeds \$50,000.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school)</a></p>
		LIMITED	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b>                  Ohio Code provides that parents are eligible for a tax credit of the lesser of \$250 or the amount of education expenses incurred by the taxpayer in the taxable year, in order to benefit one or more of the taxpayer’s qualifying students.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.72 Credit for home instruction expenses)</a></p>
		YES	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b>                  The Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program does not specify a scholarship value.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.73 Credit for donations to scholarship organizations)</a></p>
		LIMITED	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b>                  The award amount, based on federal poverty level, is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal poverty level: 0-450%                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$6,165</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$8,407</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Federal poverty level: 451-500%                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$5,200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 9-12: \$7,050</li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 501-550%             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$3,650</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$5,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 551-600%             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$2,600</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$3,550</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 601-650%             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$1,850</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$2,500</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 651-700%             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$1,300</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$1,750</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 701-750%             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$900</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$1,250</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federal poverty level: 751% or higher             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8: \$650</li> <li>○ 9-12: \$950</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Program Fact Sheet for 2023-2024)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>The Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program is a voucher program for students with special needs to pay for tuition and other services provided by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider. The services must be included in the child’s individualized education plan.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.52 Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p> <p>The amount of each scholarship, according to the Department, is based on the primary disability condition that has been identified on the student’s Evaluation Team Report.</p>

			<p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires the Department of Education &amp; Workforce to establish the educational choice scholarship amount, based on a specific formula.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.08 Educational choice scholarship amount calculation)</a></p> <p>The scholarship amounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$6,165 for grades K-8</li> <li>• \$8,407 for grades 9-12</li> </ul> <p>Families may be required to pay the difference between the scholarship amount and the actual tuition costs.</p> <p>(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce)</p> <p>Families may also qualify for low-income status for a traditional EdChoice scholarship, if they choose to have their income verified for the program – families who qualify for low-income status (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) do not have to pay any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2023-2024)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires each alternative public provider and registered private provider enrolling students receiving these scholarships to submit to the Department the tuition rates that will be charged by the provider for the following school year.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.41 Autism scholarship program)</a></p> <p>The maximum scholarship amount for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) totals \$32,445.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Autism Scholarship Program FY 2025 Scholarship Amount)</a></p>

		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b>                  The current value of the scholarship for K-8 students is \$6,165 and for 9-12 students is \$8,407.   <a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Cleveland Scholarship Fact Sheet for 2023-2024)</a></p> <p>The Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce explains that families who qualify for low-income status (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and have a student in grades K-8 do not have to pay tuition that is not covered by the scholarship. Note that families with students in grades 9-12 are responsible for tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.   <a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2023-2024)</a></p>
<p><b>Uncapped Student Access</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b>   <i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b>                  Ohio Code does not have funding or enrollment caps for the K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit program.</p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b>                  Ohio Code does not have funding or enrollment caps for the K-12 Home Education Tax Credit program.</p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code does not have funding or enrollment caps for the Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code requires the General Assembly to appropriate funds for this program, which the Department of Education and Workforce must pay for scholarships for students to attend chartered nonpublic schools. The Code section then explains that the “number of scholarships awarded under this section shall not exceed the number that can be funded for that school year as authorized by the general assembly.”   <a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.032 Expansion of educational choice scholarship pilot program; income-based eligibility)</a></p>

		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b>                  The total number of scholarships awarded in any fiscal year must not exceed 5% of the total number of students residing in the state identified as children with disabilities during the previous fiscal year.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.52 Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code does not have funding or enrollment caps for the EdChoice Scholarship Program.</p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code does not have funding or enrollment caps for the Autism Scholarship Program.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code provides that the Director must award as many scholarships and tutorial assistance grants “as can be funded given the amount appropriated for the program.”</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.975 Pilot project scholarship program)</a></p>
<p><b>Extended Application Window</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b>                  Parents apply for the tax credit when they file their taxes.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b>                  Parents apply for the tax credit when they file their annual taxes.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.72 Credit for home instruction expenses)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code does not provide for application requirements – each scholarship granting organization may set the timeline for application.</p> <p>Ohio Code places the following requirements on scholarship granting organizations:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organization must be a religious or nonreligious nonprofit organization exempt from federal taxation;</li> <li>• The organization must primarily award academic scholarships for primary and secondary school students; and</li> <li>• The organization must prioritize scholarships to low-income primary and secondary school students.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.73 Credit for donations to scholarship organizations)</a></p>
		YES	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b>                  The Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce opens the application for the Income-Based Scholarship Program on February 1 of each year, and it remains open through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.</p> <p>Students must first be accepted for enrollment at a participating private school, before applying for this scholarship.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Expansion)</a></p>
		YES	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b>                  Ohio Code specifically provides that the Department must not adopt specific dates for application deadlines for scholarships under this program.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.52 Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p>
		YES	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b>                  The Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce opens the application for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship on February 1 of each year, and it remains open through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.</p> <p>Students must first be accepted for enrollment at a participating private school, before applying for this scholarship.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Scholarship Program Fact Sheet for 2023-2024)</a></p>

		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Administrative Code establishes the scholarship deadline as May 31.  <a href="#">(Ohio Admin. Code 3301-103-03 Procedures and deadlines for parents to apply for scholarship)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires the Director to establish an application process and deadline for accepting applications from students residing in the district.  <a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.975 Pilot project scholarship program)</a>  The Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce opens the application for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship on February 1 of each year, and it remains open through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.  <a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Cleveland Scholarship Fact Sheet for 2023-2024)</a></p>
<p><b>Student Testing Options</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b> Rigid mandates, multiple tests, or no accountability  <i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b> Ohio Code does not provide for assessment measures for this tax credit.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b> Ohio Code does not provide for assessment measures for this tax credit.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code does not provide for assessment measures for this tax credit.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b> Eligible students participating in this choice program must take each assessment that is required for their grade level, established in the Revised Code, while enrolled as a student, unless an exception applies.  <a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.032 Expansion of educational choice scholarship pilot program; income-based eligibility; Ohio Rev. Code 3310.03 Eligibility of students to participate in program)</a></p>

		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires students to take assessments required by the law in order to maintain eligibility, unless an exception applies. Exceptions include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An exception exists under federal law or within the student’s individualized education program;</li> <li>• The student is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school that meets certain conditions in law;</li> <li>• The student is in grades 3-8 and takes an alternative standardized assessment; and others.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.522 Maintaining eligibility)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b> Eligible students participating in this choice program must take each assessment that is required for their grade level, established in the Revised Code, while enrolled as a student, unless an exception applies.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.03 Eligibility of students to participate in program)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b> Students are not required to participate in state assessments; however, scholarship students in high school who attend chartered nonpublic schools must take any tests required by that school for graduation.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Autism Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires registered schools to administer the applicable assessments as required under Code to each scholarship student enrolled in the school, unless an exception applies.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.976 Registering school)</a></p>

<p><b>School Autonomy</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Silent language or adverse regulations</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b> Ohio Code requires the dependent be enrolled in a nonchartered, nonpublic school. Ohio Code for this tax credit does not provide for autonomy relating to nonpublic schools.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b> The K-12 Home Education Tax Credit is for homeschool families – Ohio Code is silent regarding autonomy over curriculum and creed.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p> <p>Ohio Code requires participating providers to be registered by the Superintendent of Education under Ohio Code.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.51 Definitions for the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p>
		<p><b>LIMITED</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code is silent regarding private school autonomy.</p>

<p><b>Accessible School Participation</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>No accreditation requirement</p> <p><i>Scoring is calculated based off program with largest number of students (Educational Choice Scholarship)</i></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b></p> <p>Ohio Code is silent regarding accreditation requirements of nonpublic schools.</p> <p>The Ohio Department of Education &amp; Workforce provides that nonchartered, nonpublic schools are “schools that, because of truly held religious beliefs, choose not to be chartered by the State of Ohio.”</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Nonchartered Nonpublic Schools)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b></p> <p>The K-12 Home Education Tax Credit is for homeschool families – accreditation is not required.</p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>Ohio Code is silent regarding accreditation requirements of participating nonpublic schools.</p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Income-Based Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>Scholarships will be paid to chartered nonpublic schools for eligible students.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.032 Expansion of educational choice scholarship pilot program; income-based eligibility)</a></p> <p>Ohio Administrative Rules require nonpublic schools that are chartered by the State Board to either be accredited by an association whose standards have been reviewed by the State Superintendent’s advisory committee and approved by the state board of education; or showing compliance with specific Ohio statutes.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Admin. Code 3301-35-09 Chartered nonpublic schools)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program</b></p> <p>Ohio Code requires participating providers to be registered by the Superintendent of Education under Ohio Code.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.51 Definitions for the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program)</a></p> <p>To be registered, the nonpublic school or entity must meet the following:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comply with antidiscrimination provisions of federal law, even if the school or entity does not receive federal financial assistance;</li> <li>• If not chartered, the school or entity must agree to comply with Ohio Code <a href="#">3319.39</a> (criminal records check), <a href="#">3319.391</a> (applicants and new hires subject to criminal records check provisions), and <a href="#">3319.392</a> (criminal records check of private contract employee);</li> <li>• The teaching and nonteaching professionals that are employed must hold credentials to be appropriate for the qualified special education children enrolled;</li> <li>• The educational program must be approved by the Department;</li> <li>• The school or entity must meet applicable health and safety standards;</li> <li>• Must agree to retain on file certain documentation required by the Department;</li> <li>• Provide a record of the implementation of the individualized education program for each qualified special education child enrolled;</li> <li>• Must agree that if it decides to not enroll a particular qualified special education child, it will notify the applicant, in writing, of the reasons for declining to enroll.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.58 Registration with department)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Choice Scholarship Program</b>                      Tuition as provided through this scholarship program is to be paid to chartered nonpublic school, defined as a “nonpublic school that holds a valid charter issued by the Director of Education &amp; Workforce under [the Revised Code] and meets the standards established for such schools in rules adopted by the Director.”</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.01 Definitions for the educational choice scholarship pilot program)</a></p> <p>Ohio Administrative Rules require nonpublic schools that are chartered by the State Board to either be accredited by an association whose standards have been reviewed by the State Superintendent’s advisory committee and approved by the state board of education; or showing compliance with specific Ohio statutes.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Admin. Code 3301-35-09 Chartered nonpublic schools)</a></p>

		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Autism Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code requires payments for tuition to be paid to nonpublic entities that are registered private providers. The Department is responsible for approving entities that meet certain standards that have been established by the Department under the Code.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3310.41 Autism scholarship program)</a></p>
		<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>Cleveland Scholarship Program</b> Ohio Code does not require schools to be accredited. “Registered private school” is defined to mean a “school registered with the director of education and workforce” under the Revised Code. Further, an “alternative school” means a “registered private school located in a school district or a public school located in an adjacent school district.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.974 Pilot project scholarship program definitions)</a></p> <p>In order to register, a private school must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a commitment in writing to follow all requirements for a state-sponsored scholarship program;</li> <li>• Meet all state minimum standards for chartered nonpublic schools;</li> <li>• May not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or ethnic background;</li> <li>• Enroll a minimum of 10 students per class or a sum of at least 25 students in all the classes offered;</li> <li>• May not advocate or foster unlawful behavior or teach hatred of any person or group on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion;</li> <li>• Must not provide false or misleading information about the school;</li> <li>• For students in K-8 with family incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, must not charge any tuition in excess of the scholarship amount;</li> <li>• For students in K-8 with family incomes above 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, whose scholarship amounts are less than the actual tuition charge of the school, the school must not charge any tuition in excess of the difference between the actual tuition charge of the school and the scholarship amount;</li> <li>• For students in 9-12, must not charge any tuition in excess of the actual tuition charge of the school less the scholarship amount;</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annually administer applicable assessments, unless an exception applies</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.976 Registering school)</a></p>
<b>ESAs and Parent-Directed Spending</b>			
Freedom to Customize	<b>NO</b> No ESA or microgrant program		The ACE microgrant program expired on Sept. 1, 2025.
Freedom to Access	<b>NO</b> No ESA or microgrant program		
Carry-Over Funding	<b>NO</b> No ESA or microgrant program		
<b>Tax Credits</b>			
Full Tax Credit	<b>YES</b> <i>State's largest private school choice program does not qualify as a Tax Credit. Score is based off the largest Tax Credit program. (Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program)</i>	<b>YES</b>	<p><b>K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit</b></p> <p>The K-12 Nonchartered Private School Tax Credit program provides the following tax credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,000 if the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income is less than \$50,000;</li> <li>\$1,500 if the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income equals or exceeds \$50,000.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school)</a></p>

		<b>YES</b>	<p><b>K-12 Home Education Tax Credit</b> Ohio Code provides that parents are eligible for a tax credit of the lesser of \$250 or the amount of education expenses incurred by the taxpayer in the taxable year, in order to benefit one or more of the taxpayer’s qualifying students.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.72 Credit for home instruction expenses)</a></p>
		<b>YES</b>	<p><b>Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program</b> The Ohio Tax-Credit Scholarship Program provides dollar-for-dollar tax credits up to \$750. Individuals filing jointly may receive credits up to \$1,500.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 5747.73 Credit for donations to scholarship organizations)</a></p>

**SOURCE CITATIONS**

Statues	Administrative Code	State Department of Education	Other Resources
<p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.01 Definitions for the educational choice scholarship pilot program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.03 Eligibility of students to participate in program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.032 Expansion of educational choice scholarship pilot program; income-based eligibility</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.08 Educational choice scholarship amount calculation</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.41 Autism scholarship program</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 3301-35-09 Chartered nonpublic schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 3301-103-03 Procedures and deadlines for parents to apply for scholarship</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Nonchartered Nonpublic Schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Scholarship</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Expansion</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2023-2024</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, EdChoice Scholarship Program Fact Sheet for 2023-2024</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ohio Attorney General, Charitable Ohio – Scholarship Granting Organization Certification</a></p>

<p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.51 Definitions for the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.52 Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.58 Registration with department</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.974 Pilot project scholarship program definitions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.975 Pilot project scholarship program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 5747.72 Credit for home instruction expenses</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 5747.73 Credit for donations to scholarship organizations</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 5747.75 Credit for dependents who attend nonchartered nonpublic school</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3310.70 Afterschool child enrichment educational savings account</a></p>		<p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Autism Scholarship</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Autism Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Cleveland Scholarship</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Cleveland Scholarship Fact Sheet for 2023-2024</a></p>	
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## Homeschooling in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
<p>Homeschool without Prior Approval</p>	<p><b>YES</b> No permission required</p>	<p>Ohio Code provides that students receiving home education in English language arts, mathematics, science, history, government, and social studies are exempt from the state’s compulsory attendance laws.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3321.042 Home education)</a></p> <p>Ohio Code does not require parents to receive permission from local school boards or other administrative bodies to start homeschooling.</p>
<p>No Extra Homeschool Notifications</p>	<p><b>NO</b> Annual notification</p>	<p>Within 5 days after beginning homeschooling, moving into a new school district, or withdrawing from a public or nonpublic school, and by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August each year following, the parent must send notice to the Superintendent of the child’s school district of residence. This must include the parent’s name and address, the child’s name, and an assurance that the child will receive education in the subject areas listed above.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3321.042 Home education)</a></p>
<p>No Certification to Homeschool</p>	<p><b>YES</b> No certification requirement</p>	<p>Ohio Code does not require parents to possess teacher certification.</p>
<p>Flexible Assessment Options</p>	<p><b>YES</b> Flexible academic accountability</p>	<p>Ohio Code does not provide for assessment requirements for homeschool students.</p>

SOURCE CITATIONS

**Statutes**

[Ohio Rev. Code 3321.042 Home education](#)

**State Department of Education**

[Ohio Dept of Education & Workforce, Home Schooling](#)

## POLICY ENHANCERS



## Part-time Enrollment in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Resident Course Access	<b>NO</b> No policy	Unable to locate part-time enrollment policies in Ohio.
Nonresident Course Access	<b>NO</b> No program	Unable to locate part-time enrollment policies in Ohio.
Virtual Course Access	<b>NO</b> No virtual options provided by other entities than the school district in which a student resides	Ohio has created E-schools, which are online community schools. These are full-time public schools. <a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314 Community Schools)</a> Ohio Administrative Code provides that local, city, exempted village, or joint vocational school districts may operate schools using an online learning model. <a href="#">(Ohio Admin. Code 3301-35-16 Online learning)</a>

<p><b>Extracurricular Access</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>Public schools must make extra/co-curricular activities available to all students that reside in their district</p>	<p><b>Homeschool Students &amp; Nonpublic School Students</b> Ohio Code allows students that are homeschooled or attending a nonpublic school to participate in extracurricular activity in public schools, so long as the student meets the same nonacademic and financial requirements as any other student participating.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.5311 Access to public school extracurricular activities by nonpublic school students; Ohio Rev. Code 3313.5312 Access to public school extracurricular activities by homeschooled students)</a></p> <p><b>Community School Students</b> Students in community schools may participate in any extracurricular activities offered at a public school to which the student would otherwise be assigned.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3313.537 Community school student participation in public school activities)</a></p>
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**SOURCE CITATIONS**

<p><b>Statutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.537 Community school student participation in public school activities</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.5311 Access to public school extracurricular activities by nonpublic school students</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3313.5312 Access to public school extracurricular activities by homeschooled students</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code 3314 Community Schools</a></p>	<p><b>Administrative Code</b></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 3301-35-16 Online learning</a></p>	<p><b>State Department of Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Home Schooling</a></p>
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## Learn Everywhere in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Provider Qualification Standard	<b>NO</b> No program	Ohio has not adopted a Learn Everywhere program.
Course Credit Standard	<b>NO</b> No program	
Core Course Opportunities	<b>NO</b> No program	
Central State List	<b>NO</b> No program	



## Transportation in Ohio

POLICY	RATING	POLICY OVERVIEW
Open Enrollment Transit	<div style="background-color: red; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <b>NO</b>	<p>Families of open enrollment students are responsible for transportation from a residence outside of a district to the open enrollment district.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Dept of Education &amp; Workforce, Open Enrollment)</a></p>
Fair Transportation Access	<div style="background-color: green; width: 10px; height: 100%;"></div> <b>YES</b>	<p><b>Charter School Students</b> Generally, boards of education must provide transportation to and from school for its district’s students entitled to attend school in that district.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.09 Transportation of native students provided by board of each school district)</a></p> <p>Ohio Code makes clear that school districts are not required to provide transportation for students within their district who are enrolled in a community school, so long as there is an agreement between the district board of education and the community school that designates the community school as responsible for providing transportation.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3314.091 Transportation of native students provided by community school – agreement)</a></p> <p><b>Nonpublic School Students</b> Ohio Code relating to student transportation provide that in all city, local and exempted village school districts where resident school students in K-8 live more than 2 miles from the school for which the Director of Education &amp; Workforce prescribes minimum standards and to which they are assigned or to and from the nonpublic school which they attend, the board of education must provide transportation to and from that school.</p> <p>Districts have discretion to provide transportation for students in grades 9-12.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Rev. Code 3327.01 Transportation of pupils)</a></p>

<p><b>Vehicle Flexibility</b></p>	<p><b>LIMITED</b></p> <p>Only for student activities, or other restrictive conditions</p>	<p>Ohio Administrative Rules provide for the following authorized vehicles to transport students to and from school and school-related events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School buses: all vehicles designed to carry more than 9 passengers and used to transport students to and from school or school-related events – these buses must meet all federal regulations and Ohio school bus construction standards;</li> <li>• Public transit vehicles;</li> <li>• Vehicles other than school buses – allowing for 9 or less passengers, are to be used only when school bus transportation cannot be reasonably provided and are not allowed for certain students;</li> <li>• Commercial carriers;</li> <li>• Taxicabs.</li> </ul> <p>Note that Code provides that nonconforming vehicles (i.e. 10-15 passenger motor vehicles not meeting the FMCSRs for a school bus) may not be used for transportation unless they exceed 10,000 pounds GVWR or are designed to carry more than 16 passengers.</p> <p><a href="#">(Ohio Admin. Code 3301-83-19 Authorized vehicles for transportation of pupils to and from school and school-related events)</a></p>
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**SOURCE CITATIONS**

Statutes	Administrative Code	State Department of Education
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