

School Choice applies to

- Public Schools
- Non-Public schools
- Faith-based schools
- Charter Schools
- Homeschooling

*Do you support expanded
parental choice in education?*

If so, contact your local
Representatives and Senators
For their support to expand
the Corporate Tax Credit program
and

Introduce a Parental Choice
School Voucher Program
To find your local officials

Please visit

<http://sos.ri.gov/vic>

Please ask
your elected
Representatives
and Senators
to support
School Choice

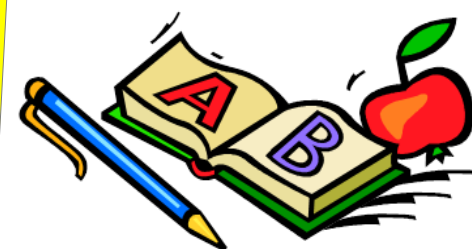
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*RIFSC is a coalition of families who support
expanded School Choice in Rhode Island*

Frequently Asked Questions...and Answers... taken from www.edchoice.org

- **Does School Choice Drain Public Schools' funding and resources?** **NO!** When students leave public schools to use a school choice voucher program, they free up more money for the students who remain
- **Do Americans Favor school choice policies?** **YES!** Most Americans support policies allowing school vouchers and tax credit scholarships.
- **Does School Choice have a positive academic impact on participating students?** **YES!** Studies using "random assignment" show significant gains in academic achievement from school vouchers
- **Are participating private schools held accountable?** **YES!** Private schools are first and foremost accountable to parents and families who choose to enroll their children. They are also accountable to the general public and governmental authorities and comply with a vast array of local regulations
- **Does School Choice have an impact on civic values?** **YES!** Private schools and school choice programs promote and advance good citizenship and democratic values

School Choice Myths

- **Vouchers cost more money, drain funds from public schools.** **Reality** - State budgets typically save money when students use vouchers to attend private schools. Vouchers are generally not valued at the entire amount of state educational spending so the state saves money on the difference
- **Private Schools do not deliver a better education than public schools.** **Reality** - Choice and competition produce better academic achievement. Studies find vouchers generally improve learning or attainment
- **Private Schools are unregulated.** **Reality** - School Choice programs employ reasonable accountability and transparency measures
- **School Choice is not a big issue.** **Reality** - Currently 25 of our 50 states have either a voucher program or some form of a tax credit program. Rhode Island has had a corporate tax credit program in effect since 2006.