



# THE EDUCATIONAL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN ACT

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## TOPLINE POINTS

- ★ The Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA) is a federal bill that would enable 85-90 percent of students in the Nation to benefit from school choice via scholarships.
- ★ The U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means passed H.R. 9462 in September of 2024, and identical Senate and House bills have been reintroduced as of January 29, 2025.
- ★ In 2024, the bill had more support in Congress than any previous federal school choice bill, with 31 Senate co-sponsors and 155 House co-sponsors.
- ★ Passing the ECCA would be revolutionary—it would expand educational options for students, empower parents, and save taxpayer money.

The Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA) would allow individuals a credit against the tax imposed equal to the aggregate amount of qualified contributions made to non-profit scholarship-granting organizations. This contribution would fund scholarships for students in need and could be put towards various educational costs such as tuition, books, and tutoring. The federal opportunity would offer \$10 billion in annual credits, individual and corporate giving. Eligible students include members of a household with an income which is below 300 percent of the area median gross income and those who are eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school. The ECCA would complement state programs by expanding options for students, empowering parents, and saving taxpayer money.

### Expanding Options & Improving Outcomes:

School choice expansion is key, as just [31 percent](#) of fourth graders performed at or above the National Assessment for Educational Progress proficient reading level in 2024, 2 percentage points lower compared to 2022. Just [28 percent](#) of eighth graders performed at or above the proficient mathematics level in 2024. According to [Invest in Ed](#), these expanded schooling options would enable 85-90 percent of students in the Nation to receive an education that meets their needs regardless of family income or zip code, resulting in [higher student achievement](#).

### Empowering Parents

Expanded school choice will give more parents the power to choose an alternative to a public school that no longer meets their child's needs. School choice programs that enable families to choose private, charter, or homeschool have proven to [increase parent satisfaction](#).

### Saving Taxpayer Money

The goal of the ECCA is to make educational choice a reality for more American families without increasing the fiscal burden. Many state-level programs, such as [Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Program](#), have [saved](#) taxpayer money and come in [under budget](#).

To learn more about school choice, visit:

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