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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Student must be identified as autistic through assigned school district
- Student must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Private school students are also eligible

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to participate and approved by the state
- Comply with state nondiscrimination codes
- Demonstrate its capacity to provide services under the program
- Have properly credentialed staff
- Conduct background checks on teachers and staff working with children
- Be in operation at least one full year
- Have adequate liability, property, and casualty insurance
- Provide regular student progress reports to parents and resident public schools

PROGRAM TYPE
Voucher
– Special needs

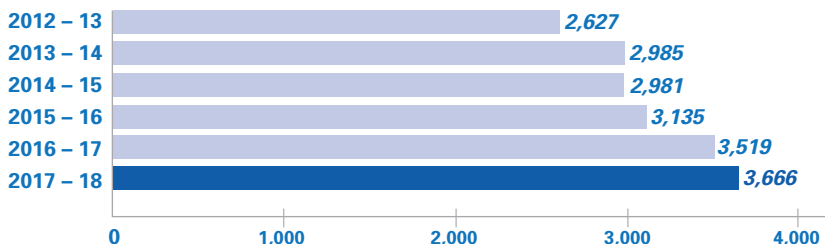
SCHOLARSHIP CAP
• Whichever is less:
– Tuition/IEP-related services
– \$27,000

ENROLLMENT CAP
None

PROGRAM FUNDING
No specific program appropriation

YEAR ENACTED
2003

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools/Providers Participating	279
2017 Expenditures	\$81,247,167



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Student must live in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District
- For students in grades K-8, priority given to students living below 200% of the federal poverty guideline (\$50,200 for family of four in 2018)
- Scholarships are renewable through high school
- Current private school students are also eligible

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to participate and approved by the state
- Meet state standards for chartered nonpublic schools
- Comply with state laws regarding nondiscrimination and health and safety codes
- Administer the state tests and meet the Ohio graduation requirements
- Principal must be licensed by the State of Ohio, Office of Education Licensure

This program ranks

10th

out of 11

Voucher Programs

24 out of 32 pts. | **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

19 out of 48 pts. | **PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

8 out of 24 pts. | **ACCOUNTABILITY**

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher
– Means-preferenced

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- Whichever is less:
 - \$4,650 (grades K-8)
 - \$6,000 (grades 9-12)

ENROLLMENT CAP

Limited by funding

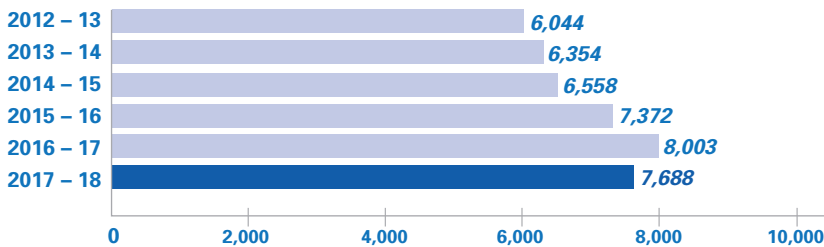
PROGRAM FUNDING

\$38.1 million

YEAR ENACTED

1995

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools Participating	42
2017 Expenditures	\$37,512,928



This program ranks

8th

out of 11

Voucher Programs

23 out of 32 pts. | **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

17 out of 48 pts. | **PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

14 out of 24 pts. | **ACCOUNTABILITY**

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher
– Failing schools

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- Whichever is less:
 - Tuition
 - \$4,650 (grades K-8)
 - \$6,000 (grades 9-12)

Providers may waive the difference between the scholarship amount and tuition for students with verified incomes under 200% of federal poverty guidelines

ENROLLMENT CAP

60,000

PROGRAM FUNDING

No specific program appropriation

YEAR ENACTED

2005

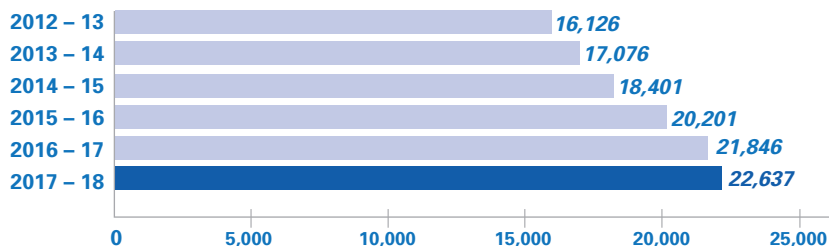
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Current public school students assigned to a school that ranked in the bottom 10% of schools on the basis of its Performance Index score or are assigned to a school that, in two years out of a three-year period, have been in Academic Watch or Academic Emergency or are assigned to a school with a “D” or “F” in the Performance Index or the value-added progress dimension
- Students entering kindergarten in one of these schools or new to the state and assigned to any grade at one of these schools also qualify
- Students enrolled or who will be enrolling in a school that received a “D” or “F” for the four-year graduation rate in two of the last three years
- Priority given to returning students and students with families at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$50,200 for family of four in 2018)

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to participate and chartered by the state
- Meet state standards for chartered nonpublic schools
- Comply with state laws regarding nondiscrimination and health and safety codes
- Conduct background checks on teachers and staff working with children
- Administer state tests; test results are published on the Ohio Department of Education website
- Principal must be licensed by the State of Ohio, Office of Education Licensure

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools Participating	485
2017 Expenditures	\$102,688,259



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Family income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$50,200 for family of four in 2018) for initial eligibility. Scholarships are renewable through graduation
- If, upon renewal, a student’s family income has increased and is between 200% and 400% of federal poverty guidelines (\$50,200 to \$100,400 for family of four in 2018), the student remains eligible and may receive a partial scholarship
- Student must not be eligible for the Educational Choice Scholarship Program or the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program
- For the 2018-19 school year, only students entering grades K-5 are eligible. For each subsequent school year, the next grade level of students will also be eligible

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to participate and chartered by the state
- Meet state standards for chartered nonpublic schools
- Comply with state laws regarding nondiscrimination and health and safety codes
- Conduct background checks on teachers and staff working with children
- Administer state tests; test results are published on the Ohio Department of Education website
- Principal must be licensed by the State of Ohio, Office of Education Licensure

This program ranks

7th

out of 11

Voucher Programs

24 out of 32 pts. | **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

20 out of 48 pts. | **PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

14 out of 24 pts. | **ACCOUNTABILITY**

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher
– Means-tested

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- Whichever is less:
 - Tuition
 - \$4,650
- If the renewal student’s family income is above 200% and at or below 300% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$50,200-\$75,300 for family of four in 2018), the student will receive a scholarship in the amount of 75% of the full scholarship amount
- If the renewal student’s family income is above 300% and at or below 400% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$75,300-\$100,400 for family of four in 2018), the student will receive a scholarship in the amount of 50% of the full scholarship amount

PROGRAM FUNDING

- \$38.4 million (2018)
- \$47.7 million (2019)

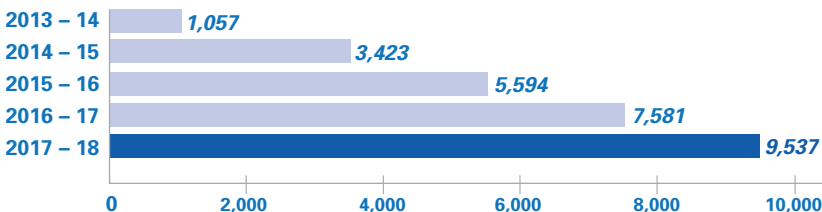
YEAR ENACTED

2013

ENROLLMENT CAP

Limited by funding

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools Participating	485
2017 Expenditures	\$31,021,124



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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Student must:
 - Be identified as a child with a disability by the school district
 - Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - Be in compliance with the state compulsory attendance law
- Private school students are also eligible

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered to participate and chartered by the state
- Comply with state nondiscrimination laws
- Meet health and safety standards
- Submit in writing to the parents of the qualified student a profile of the provider’s special education program, including methods of instruction that will be utilized to provide services to the child and the qualifications of teachers, instructors and other persons who will provide services to the child
- Administer and report the results of the state’s tests, including the Ohio Graduation Test, unless the student is excused from taking that assessment under federal law or the student’s IEP
- Have properly credentialed staff
- Be an educational program approved by the state
- Provide record of the implementation of the IEP of each qualified student enrolled in the school, including evaluation of the child’s progress to the school district
- Submit to the state information on the type and cost of special education services given to scholarship recipients

PROGRAM TYPE

Voucher
– Special needs

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- Whichever is less:
 - Tuition/IEP-related services
 - Student’s per-pupil special education funding amount based on disability, with a cap of \$27,000

ENROLLMENT CAP

No more than 5% of Ohio students identified as children with disabilities during the previous fiscal year (approximately 12,000 students)

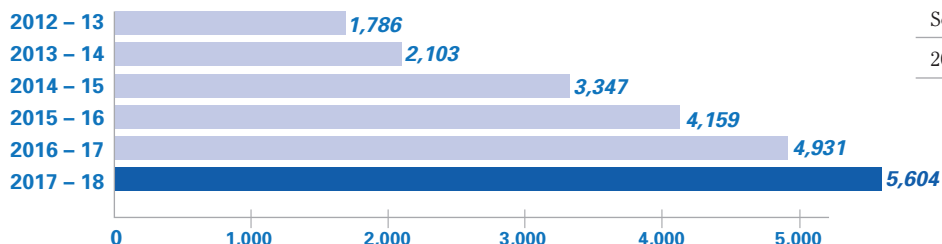
PROGRAM FUNDING

No specific program appropriation

YEAR ENACTED

2011

STUDENT PARTICIPATION



DATA UPDATE

Schools/Providers Participating	387
2017 Expenditures	\$48,184,864