

INDIANA

Overall Market Rating: **Growth Ready**

Indiana has one of the nation’s strongest sets of private school choice laws. The state offers both voucher and education savings account programs, along with a tax-credit scholarship program. Per-pupil funding in the choice sectors (charter and private) lags behind district funding, with vouchers aligned to 90% of district per-pupil funding levels. For 2025-26 the voucher ranges between \$6,000 and \$8,100, with a median of \$6,500. New schools can access the voucher program following their accreditation by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), which can be achieved prior to opening.

In addition to the voucher program, in 2021 Indiana enacted an ESA program that is accessible to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and their siblings. This program allows families to “take control” of their special education funds and direct them to a private school or other SPED provider. Depending on a student’s IEP, for the 2025-26 school year a family can direct between \$548 and \$11,592 toward private schooling in addition to the voucher amount.

For the 2025-26 school year, access to the voucher program is limited to households with income up to 400% of the federal NSLP income thresholds, and there is no income limit for ESAs. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, income limits for the voucher program will disappear. The voucher program is well funded (\$1.2B total for SY25 and SY26), but the ESA program has far more applicants than funds available per year (\$10M). Other than the 400% threshold, there is no priority given to low-income families when applying for voucher or ESA funding.

Private schools must adhere to accreditation and accountability requirements once they agree to accept choice or scholarship students, including participation in the state school report card, which is called Indiana GPS (Graduates Prepared to Succeed). Schools must take student assessments, with results displayed on the GPS website. Student growth is a significant component of the report card, but there are penalties for low performance after just two years of data. Schools are allowed to petition the state board for relief, but they must be able to prove academic growth for the majority of students in the prior year.

+ Best ✓ Fair - Inadequate	Program(s) Prioritize Low- Income HHs	Funding Is Adequate to Meet Demand (High or No Cap)	New Schools Eligible in First Year	Per-Pupil Amount Is Adequate	The Application Process Is Family-Friendly	There Is a Supportive Ecosystem for Private Schools
INDIANA	-	+	+	✓	+	✓

K-12 Enrollment

INDIANA 2023-24			
Total PK-12	Public District	Public Charter	Private (2025-26)*
1,135,392	980,325 (86%)	52,399 (5%)	102,668 (9%)

*Only includes accredited schools

Choice Program Details

Choice Scholarship Program (Voucher)

Eligibility	Amounts	Participation	Other
400% of federal reduced-lunch income threshold through 2026-27, then universal	\$6,000 - \$8,100 per pupil	76,067 pupils (2024-25) 373 schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools must be accredited by Indiana Dept. of Education, which can occur before a school opens Schools must administer certain state assessments

Education Savings Account (ESA)

Eligibility	Amounts	Participation	Other
Must have IEP or equivalent special education plan	From \$548 to \$11,592, depending on specific needs	540 recipients (2023-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be stacked with a voucher

School Scholarship Tax Credit

Eligibility	Amounts	Participation	Other
400% of federal reduced-lunch income threshold through 2026-27, then universal	Average value of \$2,000 (2023-24) There is no limit on scholarship amounts, but no more than \$18.5 million in tax credits can be awarded per year	12,517 pupils (2023-24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors can receive a 50% state tax credit for donations to a scholarship organization Students can stack a tax-credit scholarship with a voucher, but the combined sum cannot exceed the cost of tuition/fees

Private School/Homeschool Deduction

Eligibility	Amounts	Participation	Other
Any household with a child in homeschool or a private school	State tax deduction of up to \$1,000 per eligible child	57,000 (2022)	

Sources: Indiana Department of Education, [Learning Policy Institute](#), [EdChoice.org](#), National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, National Center for Education Statistics