

Tax-Supported K-12 Voucher Programs (Wisconsin, Ohio, and Florida) Summary of Key Provisions*

	Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program	Milwaukee Parental Choice Program	Florida's A+ Opportunity Scholarship Program	Florida's McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program
Student Eligibility	Cleveland residency. Priority to families with income below 200% of federal poverty level.	Milwaukee residency. Income may not exceed 175% of federal poverty level.	Students assigned to a Florida public school with an "F" state rating twice in the previous 4 years.	Florida students with disabilities possessing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
Other Eligibility Standards	K-8 eligibility. Some restrictions apply involving prior year school attendance.	K-12 eligibility. Some restrictions apply involving prior year school attendance.	K-12 eligibility, continuing through grade 8 or grade 12, depending on the grade levels offered by the chosen school.	K-12 eligibility.
School Eligibility	Private schools in Cleveland Municipal School District or public schools in adjacent districts.	Private schools in the City of Milwaukee.	Private schools in Florida or public schools with a state rating of "C" or better within or adjacent to the district of eligible students.	Private schools in Florida or public schools within or adjacent to the district of eligible students.
Maximum Student Participation	Depends on funds allocated by the legislature. Participation for 2002-03 is 5,147 scholarship recipients in 50 schools.	No more than 15% of the Milwaukee Public Schools' enrollment, or about 15,000 students. Participation for 2002-03 is 1011,670 students in 102 schools.	No limit. Participation in private schools for 2002-03 is 542 students.	No limit. Participation for 2002-03 is 8,728 in 488 schools.
Voucher Amount	Either 90% or 75% of a private school's tuition (depending on family's income level), or \$2,250, whichever is less. Voucher covers 100% of the additional costs for special needs students.	In 2002-03, the lesser of \$5,783 per pupil or the private school's audited per pupil cost of education.	Based on the local district's per pupil cost or the private school's tuition, whichever is less.	The lesser of: (1) funding at the student's assigned public school; or (2) the cost of the private school's tuition and fees. Schools may accept additional payment from parents.
Selection Criteria	Students are accepted on a random basis. Siblings of current participants are given preference.	Same.	Same.	Schools may exclude students they are not equipped to serve (e.g., a school for the blind does not have to accept an autistic student).
Regulations for Participating Private Schools	May not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or religion, nor advocate hatred or foster unlawful behavior. Must register with the state education superintendent and attain minimum enrollment requirements.	Must follow laws that apply to all Wisconsin private schools. Must follow state accounting standards and file an independent audit. Must comply with health and safety codes and with specified federal civil rights laws.	Must comply with state's private school laws and specified federal civil rights laws. Must meet health and safety codes and demonstrate "fiscal soundness." Subject to criteria adopted by a "nonpublic school accrediting body."	Must demonstrate fiscal soundness, comply with anti-discrimination rules, meet state and local health and safety laws, and comply with all state laws relating to regulation of nonpublic schools.
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*See Ohio Revised Code, Sections 3313.974- 3313.979; Wisconsin Statutes, Section 119.23; and Florida Statutes, Sections 1002.38 and 1002.39, for exact legislative provisions.