



FACT SHEET

House Committee on Education and Workforce
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The Republicans' Tax Scheme Prioritizes Private Schools and Homeschooling Over Public Education to Give Tax Cuts to the Rich

The Republicans' so-called *One Big, Beautiful Bill Act* will create the first nationwide federal school voucher program, force taxpayers to fund private schools and homeschools, and effectively divert funding and resources away from public schools that serve over 90 percent of students—all to pay for tax cuts for the rich and subsidize their children's private education.

Republicans' budget reconciliation bill creates an unprecedented tax cut for the rich by:

- Enabling donors to school voucher programs to receive a **100 percent tax credit— all their money back**. This would elevate donations to voucher programs above all other donations, including donations made to food pantries, hospitals, houses of worship, and every other kind of charity.
- Allowing millionaires to **avoid paying capital gains taxes** when they donate investments such as stocks, bonds, and real estate.
- Letting wealthy people—those earning up to three times their area median income—qualify for the vouchers to use for their own children, either for private schools or homeschooling.
- **Forcing taxpayers to foot the bill at \$20 billion.**

Republicans' proposal will harm students and families and trample on their civil rights by:

- **Allowing private schools to discriminate against students and families.** For example, students attending private schools with these vouchers will not have protections under: Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act*; Title IX of the *Education Amendments of 1972*; Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*; the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*; and only private secular schools must comply with Title III of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*. All of these are protected in public schools.
- Preventing federal, state, and local governments from adding transparency, accountability, and oversight mechanisms to either scholarship granting organizations or participating private schools.
- Providing a private right of action to allow parents *who support the program* to intervene in a lawsuit raising a federal or state constitutional challenge to the program. However, parents who *oppose* the program or whose children have had their rights violated by it are not provided the opportunity to intervene in such lawsuits.
- **Establishing a gag rule** that prohibits public school teachers, counselors, and administrators from honestly answering questions about the program when asked by parents or advising parents about what is in the best interest of their children, including that students, especially students with disabilities, will lose civil rights protections if they use this voucher at a private school.
- Permitting private schools to hire unqualified people to teach children, teach students whatever they decide, and avoid responsibility for student outcomes.

To read letters of opposition to this provision, click [here](#).