

7 MYTHS ABOUT SCHOOL CHOICE

MYTH#1 VOUCHERS HURT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGETS

FACT: Per-pupil funding in public schools has gone up in recent years. **8.9%** increase from 2011 to 2018.

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MYTH#2 VOUCHERS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR TAXPAYERS

FACT: Vouchers save tax dollars since vouchers are always **10—50%** less than per-pupil funding at public schools.

MYTH#5

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE

FACT: Non-public schools are held to a higher standard. 'Choice' schools face consequences after 2 years of D/F grades. Public schools can receive 4 years of an F grade before required intervention.

MYTH#3 SCHOOL CHOICE ONLY HELPS THE WEALTHY

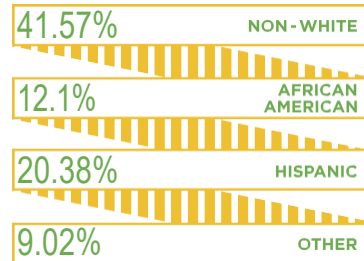


FACT: Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program is for low- and middle-income families. Almost **70%** of students receiving vouchers qualify for federal free or reduced lunch.

VOUCHERS CAUSE DISCRIMINATION

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FACT: Choice has helped diversify non-public schools. More than **41.57%** of voucher recipients are non-white.



2017-18 Schools receiving an A or B grade

MYTH#6 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ACADEMICALLY INFERIOR

FACT: Non-public schools consistently out-perform public schools on standardized tests.

MYTH#7 VOUCHERS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

FACT: The Indiana Supreme Court upheld the voucher program in 2013 unanimously!

