



Property taxes could go up.

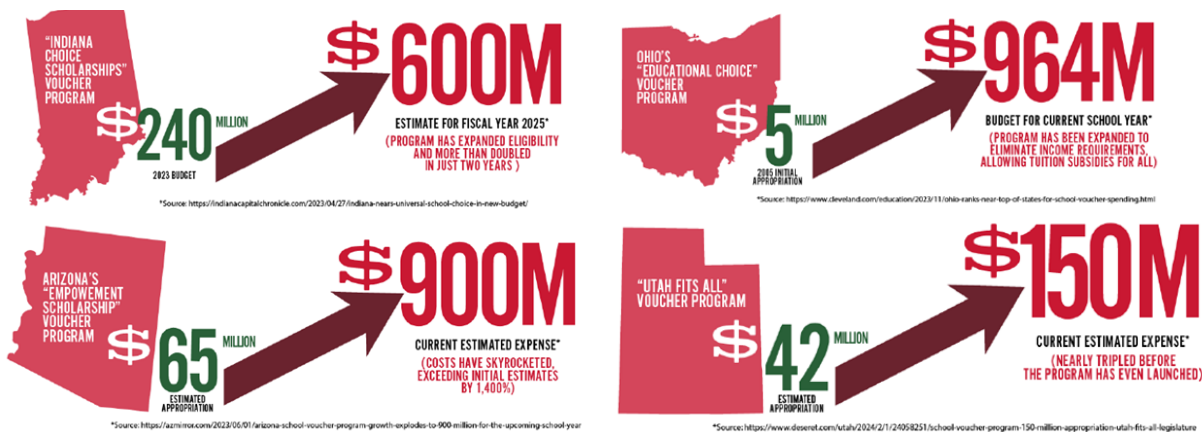
In states like Idaho, the creation and expansion of private-school tuition programs will likely lead to property tax hikes, as schools already rely on voter-approved levies to pay for school safety, teachers, special education, extra curriculars & athletics, and transportation. With over 90 school districts in Idaho relying on voter-approved levies, a private school tuition program is likely to increase reliance on them. After private school vouchers blew a hole in Wisconsin's school budgets, homeowners faced a \$577 million dollar property tax hike⁵. The expense of voucher programs led the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to report that local school boards must increase property taxes, use their fund balances, or reduce current expenditures to offset the loss of state aid.⁶ Here in Idaho, these same proposals have the same potential to siphon hundreds of millions away from public schools, increasing the need for levies and bonds to keep teachers, programs like music and sports, and other essentials in our neighborhood schools that are not fulfilled by the state.

Most students in other states using vouchers were already attending a private school.

In states with voucher programs, evidence shows its families already attending private schools who got these funds. As an example, between 75% and 90% of Voucher users in states like Arizona, New Hampshire and Wisconsin were already in private school before vouchers were implemented. The disproportionate use of voucher programs by kids already in private school means taxpayers are left footing the bill for affluent families, and private institutions (including for-profit enterprises) walk away with unregulated and unaccountable handouts on the public dime.



In some states, the growth of voucher programs has wreaked havoc on state budgets - impacting not just public schools, but other investments communities need like roads, bridges, and water projects. All without any accountability, transparency, or taxpayer protections. Is this how you want your tax dollars spent?



⁵<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2022/02/22/bill-offers-vouchers-wisconsin-students-raising-property-taxes/6886427001/>

⁶Danger_of_Private_School_Vouchers_Compressed_.pdf