

EARNING THE GRADE

5 WAYS TO EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE IN OHIO & FUND #STUDENTSFIRST

When it comes to school choice in Ohio, state legislators have earned good marks. But as the General Assembly prepares for summer break, The Buckeye Institute has a homework assignment to ensure Ohio lawmakers continue earning top grades.



CUT RED TAPE

Make it easier for families to sign up for school choice programs including vouchers and the Afterschool Child Enrichment Program (Ohio ACE). Parents should be freed from administrative burdens that make it harder for them to help their child/ren receive a better education.



KEEP THE PROMISE MADE TO PARENTS

Ensure that once an Ohio ACE account is established for an individual student, any unused money remains in the student's account and rolls over for the next school year.



SPREAD THE NEWS

Launch a statewide Ohio ACE marketing campaign before the start of the 2022-2023 school year to inform Ohio families about the available assistance, who is eligible, and how to apply.



FUND #STUDENTSFIRST

Use Ohio's voucher programs and Ohio ACE to create broad-based education savings accounts that allow parents to get the resources that meet their child's individual education needs.



ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO CREATE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Increase the tax credit from \$750 to \$2,500 that small businesses and individuals can claim for sponsoring scholarship programs.

By adopting these five policy recommendations, lawmakers can help Ohio families deal with the lingering effects of the massive COVID-19 disruption to students' learning and can start to build a system that funds #StudentsFirst.

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