



GET THE FACTS: VOUCHERS ARE WRONG FOR IOWA

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Investing more resources in public schools can have a positive impact on student achievement and student success. We choose public schools that benefit all Iowans. Proposals to divert taxpayer dollars from public schools to non-public schools, also called vouchers, make bad public policy for Iowa and are an inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

IMPORTANT FACTS ON VOUCHERS

✓ **Vouchers don't offer parents a real choice.**

Private schools pick and choose who they accept. Public schools accept ALL students. Students in Iowa public schools are achieving more than ever with diverse course offerings, earning college credits, and gaining valuable work experience and technical training. Iowa is home to some of the best public schools in the country.

✓ **Vouchers divert taxpayer dollars from public schools.**

Vouchers pull critical resources from public schools, which educate over 90% of students and put money into private schools. At a time when our public schools are facing unprecedented challenges, available resources should go to support the more than 484,000 public school students in all 99 counties.

✓ **Vouchers harm rural Iowa.**

Almost 75% of Iowa public schools are in rural areas with little to no access to private schools. Most families will be excluded from participating in a voucher program. Rural Iowans without a private school option will pay for urban students to go to private school.

✓ **Private schools have no oversight.**

Locally elected citizen volunteers oversee our public schools and represent the community's voice. Private schools are governed by self-appointed boards of trustees with no public oversight over how public money would be spent. Public schools are accountable and transparent to the parents and community they serve. Private schools do not have the same state mandated requirements for accountability and transparency.

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VOTE NO ON VOUCHERS.

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