

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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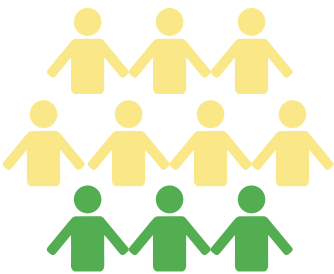
MYTH #2

Vouchers are too expensive for taxpayers

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

MYTH #3

School choice only helps the wealthy



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

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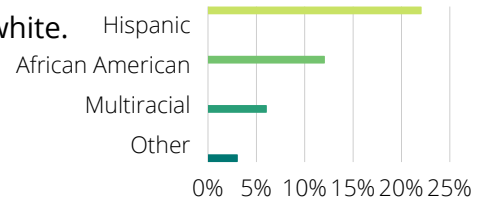
Non-public schools are not held accountable

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

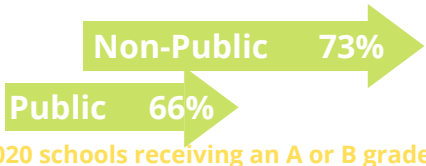
MYTH #5

Vouchers cause discrimination

FACT: Choice has helped diversify non-public schools. More than **43%** of voucher recipients are non-white.



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



Non-public schools are academically inferior

MYTH #6

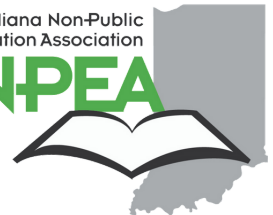
Vouchers are unconstitutional

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

MYTH #7

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