EdChoice Expansion Scholarships

FY 2026

- Provide state funding to pay tuition to a chartered nonpublic school
- H.B. 33 changed the program beginning in FY 2024:
  - All K-12 students are eligible, regardless of income. Formerly, only students whose family income was up to a certain threshold (most recently, 250% of the federal poverty level, or FPL) were eligible for new scholarships
  - Scholarship amounts are means-tested

104,200
FTE Participants

$533 Million Paid

LARGEST of the state's five scholarship programs:

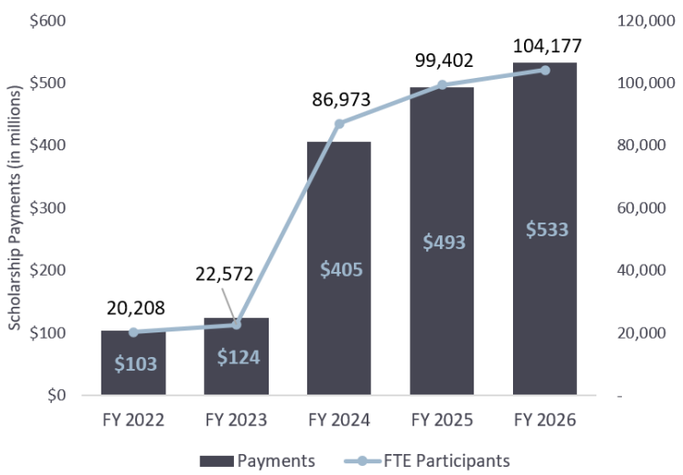
62% of all participants

45% of all payments

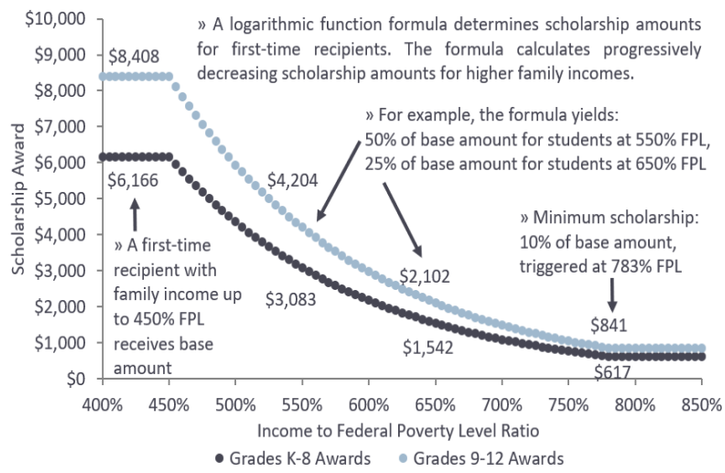
H.B. 33's changes to EdChoice Expansion scholarship eligibility resulted in significant increases in participation and state payments.

The program pays **100%** of the scholarship to families with incomes **up to 450% FPL** and **phases down** the amount paid to families with **higher incomes**.

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Payments and FTE Participants, FY 2021-FY 2026



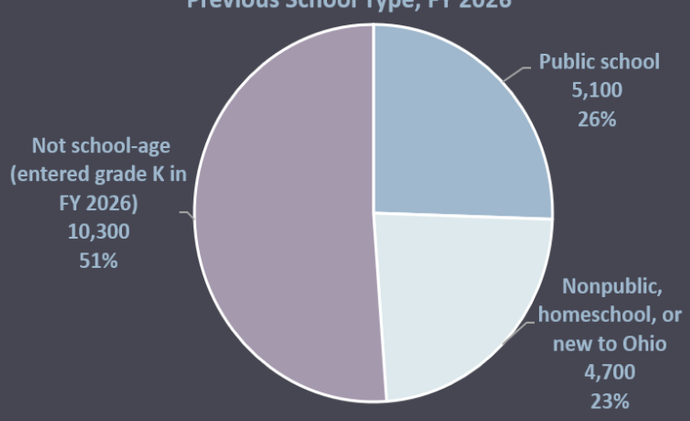
First-Time EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Awards by Income Ratio, FY 2026



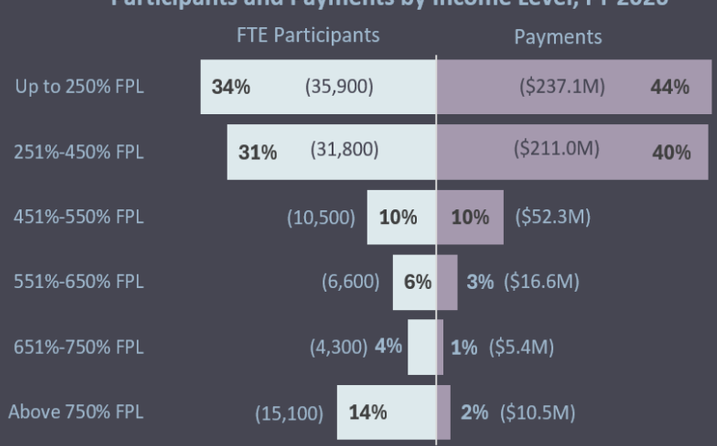
In FY 2026, about **20,100 students** received a **first-time EdChoice Expansion scholarship.** Of these, about **5,100 (26%)** attended **public schools the year before.**

Students with family incomes **up to 450% FPL** (those eligible for the base, or maximum, scholarship) make up **65% of participants** but **84% of payments**

Share of New EdChoice Expansion Participants (Headcount) by Previous School Type, FY 2026



Distribution of EdChoice Expansion Scholarship FTE Participants and Payments by Income Level, FY 2026



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