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SCHOOL CHOICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

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| 1,431,321 | Number of students in North Carolina K-12 traditional public schools in 2020-21. |
| 416,380 | Number of students in North Carolina schools of choice, charter schools, private schools and home schools. |
| 179,900 | Number of students enrolled in North Carolina home schools. |
| 19,401 | Number of Opportunity Scholarship Recipients. |
| 1,647 | Total number of recipients enrolled in Disabilities Scholarship Grant and Personal Education Savings Account programs. These programs will be combined into one program beginning in 2022. |
| 200 | Number of public charter schools in operation in North Carolina in 2021. |

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| \$154,297,163 | Long run cumulative savings of Opportunity Scholarship Program from inception through Fiscal Year 2018. |
| \$45,689,166 | Dollar value of student scholarships in 2021-22 for Opportunity Scholarship Program, Disabilities Scholarship Grant and Personal Education Savings Account. |
| \$39,566,666 | Value of Opportunity Scholarships awarded in 2021-22. |
| \$85,794 | New income eligibility threshold for the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Figure represents 175 percent of free and reduced lunch for a family of four. |
| \$9,000 | Annual maximum award for recipients of North Carolina Personal Education Savings Accounts for Children with Disabilities. |

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| 88% | Percentage increase in schools of choice (charter schools, private schools and home schools) from 2011 to 2021. |
| 90% | New award value for Opportunity Scholarship recipients. Awards can be up to 90 percent of the state per pupil allocation. New formula. means maximum awards will be around \$5,900. |
| 23% | Approximate percentage of students enrolled in public charter, private and home schools in North Carolina. |
| 5% & 21% | Percentage increases in the number of students enrolled in North Carolina home schools in each of the last two years. |
| 3% | Percentage decline in North Carolina K-12 traditional public schools from 2011 to 2021. |

1,431,321 – Highlights of the North Carolina Public School Budget. Published by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, February 2021.

416,380 – Highlights of the North Carolina Public School Budget. Published by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, February 2021. North Carolina Department of Non-Public education.

3 Percent – Highlights of the North Carolina Public School Budget. Published by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, February 2021. Author's calculations.

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90 percent – Session Law 2021-180. North Carolina State Budget.

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\$85,794 - See Child Nutrition Income Eligibility Guidelines. US Department of Agriculture

\$154,297,163 - Fiscal Effects of School Choice: Analyzing the costs and savings of private school choice programs in America, Martin F. Lueken, Published by EdChoice. November 2021.