



Douglas County, Colorado

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

<p>PROGRAM TYPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voucher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Universal 	<p>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whichever is less: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tuition of private school – 75 percent of state portion of per-pupil revenue
<p>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in the Douglas County School District • Attended a Douglas County School District school for at least one year • Satisfy all admission requirements of the selected private school 	<p>ENROLLMENT CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500
	<p>PROGRAM FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific program appropriation
<p>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accredited by a recognized state or national accrediting organization • Demonstrate student achievement and growth results for participating students at least as strong as what district neighborhood and charter schools produce • Disclose financial history, including the past three years of audited financial statements and documentation showing adequate insurance policies • Private schools that have been in operation for fewer than three years must demonstrate the ability to indemnify the District for any loss if the school closes • Comply with building codes and have a safe school plan • Conduct criminal background checks on school employees • May not discriminate in employment or enrollment decisions • Must release participating students so the District can administer statewide or District assessments • Provide information on employment and enrollment policies, a description of student performance assessments, student conduct and discipline policies, description of governance and operations 	<p>YEAR ENACTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011

PROGRAM UPDATE

In response to litigation filed by opponents of educational choice, a Colorado court has issued an injunction barring the program from moving forward. Appeals to that decision have been filed.