

If it were not for the Ed Choice Scholarship program, I would have not been able to enroll my son in the school of Our choice. My son attended public school in our district from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I feel like the public school he was attending failed to provide him the best education possible. He was falling through the cracks. He was not accelerating. He was failing math quizzes and tests and the teacher was not concerned at all about his academics. I had to email several times to inquire why my child was failing. There's not been any funding for after school tutoring or help, but lots of funding for unnecessary afterschool activities. He was not comprehending math concepts and reading literature fast enough before moving on to the next lesson, and the teacher did not make sure he had an understanding. I feel like the public system is failing our children, and just teaching enough to take a state test which they are failing those as well. My son now attends a private school and is thriving and excelling much better. He loves the school, his teachers, and his new friends. Ed Choice is doing a great thing by allowing families to have a choice in their children's education by providing a financial means of assistance. There should be more programs accessible to families like this one. Personally I believe education should be free for all no matter what your income is, but if the public school system is failing our children in educating and teaching them, which it is, then we should not have to be forced to keep our children in those situations, and waste tax dollars in schools that are under performing. Ed Choice has and is giving us that choice. I hope you strongly consider allowing this program to continue the way it is.