



# How The Buckeye Institute Expanded School Choice to Every Child in Every Family in Every Community in Ohio

A CASE STUDY



## SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT

When The Buckeye Institute opened its doors in 1989, millions of Ohio families were forced to accept an education system that would do anything to protect their monopoly on funding even as some schools—mainly in Ohio’s inner cities—were failing students and education outcomes were declining. Something had to change to ensure that every child in every family in every community in Ohio had access to the education setting that best met their needs.

## REFORMS BUCKEYE ACHIEVED

1995

**Brought School Choice to Ohio**

*House Bill 117*

1997

**Creation of Ohio’s First Charter Schools**

*House Bill 215*

1997

**Saved Taxpayer Dollars on School Construction & Improvement Projects**

*Senate Bill 102*

2005

**Expanded School Choice Statewide**

*House Bill 66*

2007-2011

**Prepared for the Next Phase of School Choice**



REFORMS BUCKEYE ACHIEVED

2011-  
2021

**Increased Access to School Choice Programs**

*House Bill 153—2011*

*House Bill 59—2013*

*House Bill 64—2015*

*House Bill 49—2017*

*House Bill 166—2019*

*House Bill 110—2021*

2022

**Increased Classroom Space for Charter Schools**

*House Bill 64*

2018

**Guaranteed the First Amendment Rights of School Employees**

*WorkersChoose.org*

2021

**Ohio’s First Education Savings Accounts**

*House Bill 110*

2023

**Adoption of Universal School Choice**

*House Bill 33*

2023

**Creation of the Department of Education and Workforce**

*House Bill 33*

IMPACT  
OF REFORMS

More Than

1.9M

Students Eligible for EdChoice Scholarships

More Than

260K

Students Benefit from School Choice

\$6,166 K-8

\$8,408 9-12

Value of an EdChoice Scholarship

1,049

Alternative School Options Available to Families