

TEXAS VOUCHER PROGRAM FACT SHEET

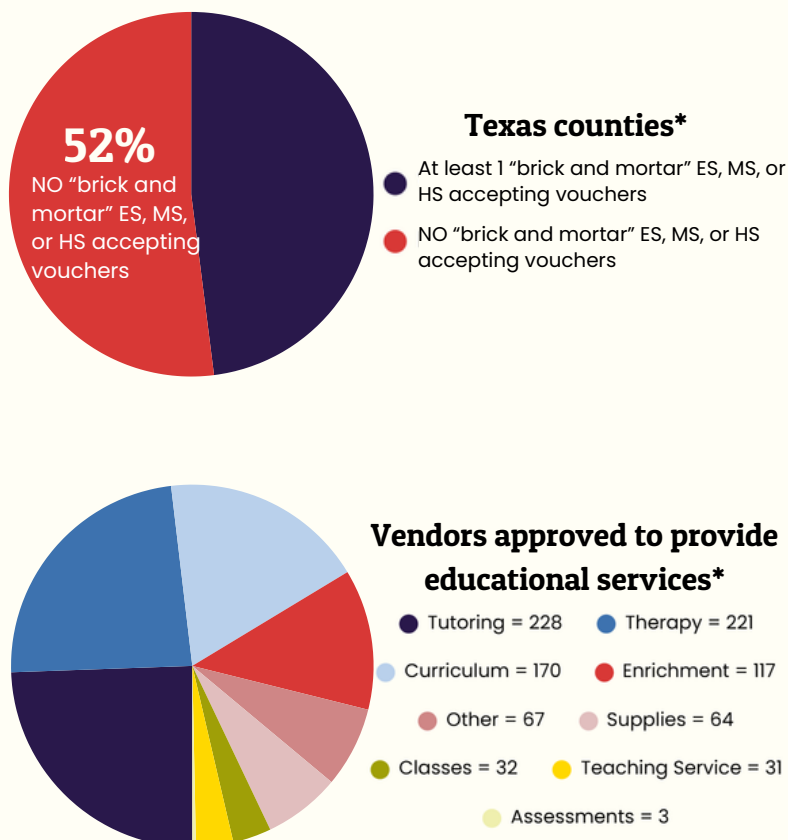
TXCVT supports **transparency, fiscal responsibility, and fairness** in the implementation of the \$1 billion taxpayer-funded Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) voucher program.

Good policy requires great information

By the Numbers:

- **\$1 billion** in taxpayer funding the first two years. (SB 2, 89R 2025)
- **Up to \$80 million** in taxpayer funding for administrative costs (3%) and services / marketing (5%), including for Odyssey.
- **2,400+** approved private schools*
 - **48** online schools.*
 - **52%** of Texas' 254 counties have no "brick and mortar" ES, MS, or HS accepting vouchers; even though taxpayers in these counties pay for private school vouchers across the state.*
 - **60%** of approved private school providers only enroll PK thru K.*
- **637 unique vendors** from 33 states approved to provide educational services.*

Who Benefits from the Texas Voucher Program?



*Source: Comptroller TEFA Map as of Apr 27

ABOUT THE TEXAS CENTER FOR VOUCHER TRANSPARENCY

The Texas Center for Voucher Transparency (TXCVT) is an initiative of Our Schools Our Democracy, a Texas-based nonpartisan and independent 501c3 nonprofit organization established to protect the fundamental rights of all Texans access to an **"efficient system of free public schools."**



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Stage 1: Applications

SOURCE: Texas Comptroller's response to Public Information Request submitted by the Texas Center for Voucher Transparency. ^ Feb 4 - Mar 31, 2026	# voucher applications for children who will enter Gr. PK-12 in the 2026-2027 SY. (as of Mar 31)	# voucher applications that indicated prior public school enrollment (incl charters) in 2024-2025 SY. (as of Mar 31)
PK (3 & 4 yr. olds)	36,666	1,150
Kinder	25,915	3,209
Gr. 1-12 only	211,602	67,427
PK-Gr. 12 TOTALS	274,183	71,786

- **274k** applications submitted.*
- **~75%** applicants are from private school, homeschool or never enrolled.
- **~25%** applicants indicate prior public school enrollment.*
- **77%** intend to use voucher for private school and **23%** for homeschool/Other.*
- **37k** Pre-K applicants - most in any grade*
- **45%** applicants indicate white students.*
- **32%** applicants indicate income at or below 200% FPL or less than \$66k for family of 4.*
- **43k** (or 16%) applicants indicate a disability.*

*Source: Comptroller PR as of Apr. 2

Less than 2% of 5.5 million Texas public school families applied for a voucher

Stage 2: Awards

- **42,640 Tier 1 students** (~27k) + siblings (~16k) - awarded and notified.
- **51,181 Tier 2 students** - awarded & notified; ~22k waitlisted.
- **66,113 Tier 3 students** - waitlisted.
- **66,950 Tier 4 students** - waitlisted.

*Source: Comptroller PRs as of Apr. 28 & May 4

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller's Priority Tier 1 + Siblings Fact Sheet as of April 22, 2026 & Texas Education Agency 2024-25 TAPR	Total # Public School Students with Disabilities (SwD) TEA TAPR 2024-25	# voucher applications awarded in Tier 1 that indicate prior public school enrollment (incl charters) in 2024-2025 SY. (as of Apr. 22)
# of Students w Disabilities	843,012	22,601

Just 2.7% of 843K Texas public school students receiving special education services were awarded a Tier 1 voucher

Stage 3: Acceptance

Most importantly, **a private school must select a family who was awarded a voucher and confirm enrollment** by June 15 in order to receive funding.

REMINDER: Private schools choose their students. **Public schools serve every child.**

“Participation in TEFA does not guarantee admission to a private school.”
- TEFA Parent Application Guide, pg. 1