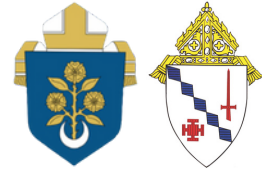


For additional information
and ways to help:



The CHOOSE Act, Bill SB61

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



<p>What is School Choice?</p>	<p>School choice is a public policy that financially assists parents in choosing the best educational environment for their children by allowing their tax dollars to be used outside of the public school system.</p>
<p>What is an ESA?</p>	<p>An Educational Savings Account, or ESA, provides qualifying parents with a savings account, similar to a flexible spending account, with restricted use of the funds for education-related expenses, including non-public school tuition.</p>
<p>What will the CHOOSE Act provide?</p>	<p>Starting in the 2025-2026 school year and phased in over 3 years, the CHOOSE Act will provide qualifying families, including those already enrolled in our Catholic schools, with \$7,000 per student in an ESA to use for tuition at a non-public school. To read the full bill: SB61.</p>
<p>Who benefits from the CHOOSE Act?</p>	<p>Everyone. In 25-26 and 26-27, families whose income is at or below 300% of the poverty level qualify to apply for an ESA. In 27-28, any family can apply for an ESA allowing all families to have access to Catholic education without financial barrier. In addition, other states with ESAs have seen improvements in student performance, teacher salaries, and greater educational options for rural families.</p>
<p>How can you help?</p>	<p>Contact your representatives to express your support for the Choose Act, SB 61, and encourage others you know to do so too. Post our graphics on social media. Feel free to tag your representatives! Share the joint bishops' statement with your representatives and on social media. Use the QR code above to access a bank of resources to help!</p>