

# Just the **FACTS:** An NEA-NH Factsheet

## The Truth About Vouchers

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**Here are six things to remember about vouchers and to include in messages and conversations:**

**Point 1:** Don't be fooled. Vouchers mean tax dollars end up paying private school tuition, ultimately reducing the revenue available for public education and raising local property taxes to pay for students to attend non-public schools.

**Point 2:** There is no valid evidence that such schemes improve the performance of either the students receiving vouchers or those left behind in de-funded public schools.

**Point 3:** We believe in a strong and inclusive public education system that ensures that all students can succeed. Vouchers, education savings accounts, and tuition tax credits harm students, communities, and undermine the public schools that educate 9 out of every 10 students in New Hampshire

**Point 4:** The simple fact is, vouchers take dollars from our public schools to fund private schools at taxpayer expense.

**Point 5:** Tax credit vouchers and education tax credits are just the latest in a long list of schemes that have diverted attention from what our children and our schools really need— programs and funding to recruit, train, and retain the best teachers; smaller classes so they can devote enough attention to each child; high-quality early childhood education programs so children come to school ready to learn; tutoring to ensure that those who fall behind aren't left behind, and the active involvement of parents and the community. **All students have the right to a great public school, and it is with these kinds of investments—not education tax subsidies—that we will achieve this goal.**

**Point 6:** Contact your elected officials often asking them to oppose SB193 and all efforts to de-fund New Hampshire's public schools. We shouldn't be spending taxpayer money on vouchers when there are many proven ways to improve public schools.

Regardless of what they are called, vouchers, education savings accounts, tuition tax credits, and other related initiatives rob public schools of vital funding and resources at a time when the majority of Granite Staters believe schools need more funding to help prepare our students for the future.