

WHAT is Parental Choice?

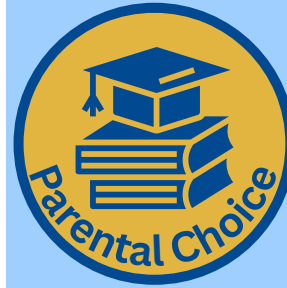
A public policy that allows tax dollars to be used outside of the public school system, allowing parents to choose the best educational environment for their children.

WHY do the Bishops support Parental Choice?

The Catholic Church teaches that parents have the **right and responsibility** to determine the best education for their children.

WHO benefits from Parental Choice

EVERYONE.



Find resources from the Texas bishops' by scanning and visiting:
txcatholic.org/parentalchoice





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How will Parental Choice Work?

In a special session this fall, the Legislature will consider legislation to establish an Education Savings Account (ESA). An ESA works like a flexible spending account (FSA) used to pay for a variety of education-related expenses including private school tuition, school fees, tutoring, educational therapies, transportation, etc. The amount for each student is usually a percentage of the cost of educating that child in a public school.

For the Texas Catholic Bishops to support a bill, it must include:

Robust safeguards for the autonomy and religious liberty of private schools

Administration of norm-referenced assessments

Accreditation of participating private schools

Prioritization of low-income families for participation in an ESA program



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