

MONTHLY

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Charting Our Path *in* 2025

The blank slate of the new year is quickly filling up for us here at School Choice Wisconsin Action. Nearly three dozen new legislators have been sworn in and we are prepared to educate them on all matters related to educational choice. Of course, we continue to work with our allies in the Assembly and Senate to help us maintain the historic funding increases from the previous session in addition to our next plans to strengthen Wisconsin's four parental choice programs.

To help our audiences better understand SCWA's legislative goals, we will be featuring one key issue each month to provide you with some context for the path ahead of us in the coming year. We also have many exciting events coming up, such as celebrating National School Choice Week at our state capital, so stay tuned to hear more.

Cheers to a new year filled with continued support for Wisconsin families and educational freedom!



SCWA KEY ISSUE OF THE MONTH: **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Opponents mistakenly claim that private schools in Wisconsin operate free of regulation. This is untrue for private schools in general and especially so for schools in the state's choice program.

Choice schools are more accountable than public schools—**parent choice and the freedom to switch schools produces real accountability.** For most Wisconsin parents, the only choice is determined by their zip code.

Private schools in choice programs must...

- Administer the same state assessments as public schools;
- Publish their data in the State Accountability Report Card;
- Undergo four annual audits ensuring financial transparency;
- Achieve independent accreditation;
- Comply with many other state requirements.

All in all, SCWA seeks to bring awareness to these accountability measures to prevent any misinformation regarding the validity of private schools in the programs. Click here to learn more about accountability.

RAISE YOUR VOICE

PROTECT THEIR

Choice

Do you know of any parents looking for ways to advocate for educational freedom in Wisconsin? We recently launched our **Parent Engagement Group**, meeting monthly to discuss ways to get involved and help prepare parents for advocacy opportunities.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information, contact us at outreach@parentchoice.org.



Updated Students with Disabilities Research

We are excited to announce our updated research report regarding students with disabilities in Wisconsin's parental choice programs. Originally published in 2023, the updated report includes recent survey data to support the notion that many students with disabilities in private schools are underreported.

[CLICK TO VIEW THE REPORT](#)