

2020-2021 Traditional EdChoice Scholarship FAQs

No student is newly eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship based solely on the 2020-2021 designated schools list. House Bill 197 requires the Ohio Department of Education to look at both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists to determine student eligibility in certain limited situations.

NOTE: The only time the 2020-2021 designated schools list is used exclusively is when determining eligibility for renewal students who have moved to new districts. The only time the 2019-2020 designated schools list is used exclusively is for determining eligibility for siblings of current scholarship recipients. In other cases, the student's school(s) must be on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists for the student to be eligible for a scholarship.

RENEWAL STUDENTS

1) My child is an EdChoice Scholarship renewal student, but we moved to another school district in Ohio. Is my child able to renew the scholarship?

The student would be able to renew the scholarship if the new building that he or she would be assigned to in the new district is on the 2020-2021 designated list and the student meets the remaining renewal requirements (see [ORC 3310.03 \(F\)](#)).

2) My daughter is receiving an EdChoice Expansion scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year and my son is receiving a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Can my daughter switch to a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year?

No, students should renew the scholarships they currently receive if they meet the renewal eligibility criteria.

SIBLING ELIGIBILITY

3) My son is an incoming kindergartener for the 2020-2021 school year. His sister received a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Can my son receive a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year under the "sibling eligibility" provision of House Bill 197?

Yes, your son is eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship under the "sibling eligibility" provision if for the 2020-2021 school year, he would be assigned to a school on the 2019-2020 designated list.

4) My incoming kindergartener is assigned to a school that is only on the 2019-2020 designated school list. His brother currently is on a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Is my child eligible?

Yes. Based on the sibling eligibility criteria (the child's sibling currently has a traditional EdChoice Scholarship, the child will be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year and the child's assigned building is on the 2019-2020 list), your child is eligible to apply.

5) My fourth grade private school student has a kindergarten sibling who received a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. Is my fourth grade student eligible for the traditional EdChoice Scholarship?

The student potentially could qualify under the "sibling eligibility" provision if the public school building where he or she would be assigned is on the 2019-2020 designated school list.

- 6) **My son currently is attending a private school. The public school where he would be assigned in the district of residence is only on the 2020-2021 designated list. However, my daughter received a traditional EdChoice Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year and the public school where she would be assigned is on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists. Is my son eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

No, your son is not eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship under the “sibling eligibility” provision as he must be assigned to attend a public school building on the 2019-2020 designated list. His eligibility is not based on your daughter’s assigned public school building.

NEW STUDENTS

- 7) **My child attended a school on the 2020-2021 designated list during the 2019-2020 school year and is assigned to the same school for the 2020-2021 school year. Is she eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

The student likely is eligible if the school the student attended in the district of residence is on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated school lists.

- 8) **My child is an incoming kindergartener and has not attended school prior to the 2020-2021 school year. Is my child eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

If your child is assigned to a school in the district of residence that is on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists, your child is eligible.

- 9) **My child attended a traditional public school during the 2019-2020 school year. That school was on the 2019-2020 designated list. We moved and for the 2020-2021 school year he is now assigned to a public school in a different school district. His new school is on the 2020-2021 designated list. Is he eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

Yes, your child is eligible.

- 10) **My only child is an incoming kindergartener and is assigned to a school that is only on the 2020-2021 designated school list. Is my child eligible?**

No. The building your child is assigned to must be on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists to be eligible.

- 11) **My child currently is in the eighth grade at a private school. She will be an incoming ninth-grader for the 2020-2021 school year and the public school building where she would be assigned to for ninth grade is on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists. Is my child eligible to apply?**

Yes. A student enrolled in a private school during the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to apply if the student is entering ninth through 12th grade and would be assigned to a designated building on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 lists.

- 12) **My daughter currently is in fifth grade and attending a public school that is only on the 2020-2021 designated list. She will be attending a different school next year due to her current school only going through fifth grade. The new school where she is assigned to attend next year is on both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists. Is she eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

Yes, a student who is moving to a different school next year due to completing the highest grade level at his or her current school is eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship if the building where he or she is assigned to attend next year is on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists.

Students who are not eligible for the traditional EdChoice Scholarship potentially may be eligible for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship if the student lives in the state of Ohio and the student’s household meets the low-income requirements of the program. Please see your private school for information and questions regarding the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship program.

**This FAQ was prepared to help families understand the eligibility criteria in recently enacted legislation. The FAQ is for demonstration purposes only. The Department of Education cannot guarantee your student's eligibility or award of an EdChoice scholarship. Your student's eligibility and award will be determined through a review of your student's application and related information. If the information in this FAQ indicates that your student may not be eligible for a scholarship and you want to pursue a scholarship, the Department encourages you to apply.*