

2021-2022 Traditional EdChoice Scholarship Senate Bill 89 Section 5 FAQs

Through the enactment of Senate Bill 89, the Ohio General Assembly allowed for continued eligibility for EdChoice for the 2021-2022 school year for students who previously were eligible to receive scholarships in the 2020-2021 school year. These students may be eligible if they meet **all** the criteria listed below.

- (1) The student was enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades kindergarten through 12, or was homeschooled for the equivalent of those grades, in the 2020-2021 school year; and
- (2) The student was eligible for a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. Additional information about the eligibility qualifications for the 2020-2021 school year [can be found here](#); and
- (3) For the 2021-2022 school year, the student would be enrolled in a building that is included on the [2019-2020 EdChoice Designated Schools List](#).

Here are some examples of how this impacts eligibility:

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

1. **My child is an incoming kindergartener, has not attended school prior to the 2021-2022 school year and is assigned to a school that is on the 2021-2022 designated list. Is my child eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

Yes. The building your child is assigned to is on the 2021-2022 designated list.

2. **My child is an incoming kindergartener and is assigned to a school that was on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated school lists but is not on the 2021-2022 list. Is my child eligible?**

No. The building your child is assigned to must be on the 2021-2022 designated list to be eligible, and your child does not meet all the criteria listed above.

CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

3. **My child currently is in the eighth grade at a private school. She also attended the private school for seventh grade in 2019-2020. She will be an incoming ninth-grader for the 2021-2022 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?**

No. Your child needed to be eligible for a scholarship during the 2020-2021 school year to be eligible to apply. Your child was not an incoming ninth-, 10th-, 11th- or 12th-grader in the 2020-2021 school year and therefore is not eligible.

4. **My child currently is in the eighth grade at a private school. He attended a community school in 2019-2020 for seventh grade but would have been assigned to a building in our district of residence that was on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists. Is he eligible?**

Yes. The student likely is eligible if the school the student would have been assigned to in your district of residence for seventh grade is on BOTH the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated school lists.

5. **My child was in eighth grade at a private school for the 2019-2020 school year. He is repeating eighth grade at the private school for the 2020-2021 school year. He will be an incoming ninth-grader for the 2021-2022 school year. The public school building where he would have been assigned to for ninth grade in the 2020-2021 school year is on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists. He would be assigned to the same public school building for ninth grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Is my child eligible to apply?**

Yes. Your child is eligible to apply as he was eligible for a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year as an eighth grade student.

6. **My child currently is in the eighth grade at a private school. She also attended the private school in 2019-2020 in seventh grade. The building she would have been assigned to for seventh and eighth grade is on the 2019-2020 designated list. Her sibling received a traditional EdChoice Scholarship in the 2019-2020 school year. Is my child eligible?**

Yes. Your child is eligible to apply under the sibling eligibility provision from the 2020-2021 school year.

STUDENTS IN OTHER GRADE LEVELS

7. **My child currently is in the third grade and has always attended public school. The school he is currently attending is on both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 designated lists but is not on the 2021-2022 designated list. Is he eligible for a traditional EdChoice Scholarship?**

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

If you think your student may be eligible under these provisions, please contact the Office of Nonpublic Educational Options for assistance by sending an email to edchoice@education.ohio.gov.