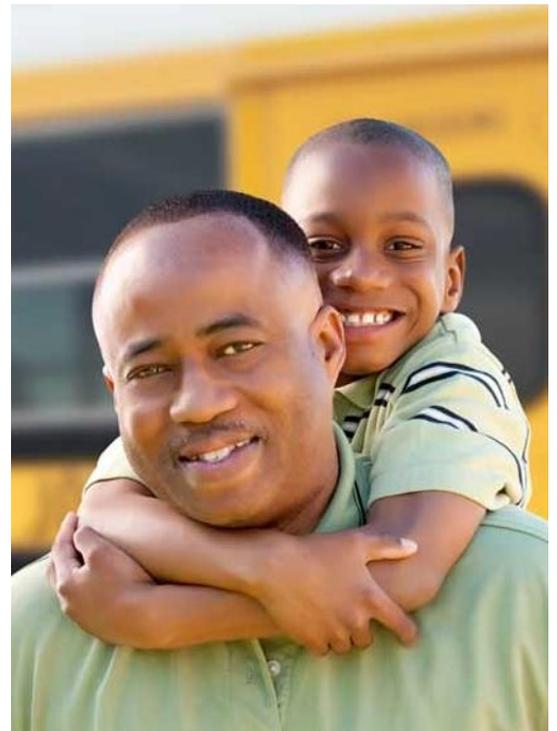


Parents should be the key decision makers for the education of their children.

☑ Senate bill 3002 and Assembly bill 3000 offer families a **scholarship worth 75% of the cost of public school to enroll in a private school**, if the public-school refuses to accommodate a parent’s request to opt their child out of lessons and materials that violate or conflict with the parent or guardian’s belief or practice regarding sex, sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, conscience, ethics, morality, or religion.

☑ **69% of people support** the use of tax dollars designated for their child’s education to send their child to the public or private school which best serves their needs. That includes 70% of Black families, 68% Hispanic, 68% Asian, and 70% White. <https://www.federationforchildren.org/support-for-school-choice-surges-as-schools-start/>

☑ Scholarships would cover tuition at most private schools, while allowing public schools to retain funding. Most private schools in New Jersey cost less than \$14,000 per year. The average cost per student in New Jersey public school is \$21,000. That means that in many cases, families can cover their tuition while public schools get more funding than the minimum the bill requires.



The public school is no longer inclusive to people of faith.

☒ A new sexual orthodoxy is being imposed upon children in public schools –one which conflicts with the **fundamental religious convictions** of countless families. These mandated **lessons do not reflect the diverse student body** within public schools consisting of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and other religious faiths with traditional moral beliefs.

Parents should be able to make educational decisions for their children that reflect their deeply held values.

- ✘ **March 1, 2021 - Assembly bill 4454 was signed into law.** Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, public schools are required to teach transgender identity and sexual orientation diversity lessons starting in kindergarten. That means starting this fall, schools will be teaching a harmful and subjective view of sexuality to 5-year-old children.
- ✘ **June 3, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education adopted new learning standards for Health Class.** Part of these revised standards for 8th grade include **2.1.8.SSH.9: Define vaginal, oral, and anal sex.** Schools will now be required to teach 13-year-old students explicit sexual acts.
- ✘ **January 31, 2019, Senate bill 1569 was signed into law.** Public schools are now required to teach “inclusive” LGBT themed lessons in multiple subjects in middle and high school. Lesson plans developed for pilot programs far exceed the historical “contributions” mandated by the law, wading into the territory of social indoctrination.
- ✘ This undermines what Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the *Obergefell* majority opinion (*Supreme Court case that legalized same sex marriage in 2015*): The longstanding view of marriage as one man and one woman, Kennedy said, “**has been held—and continues to be held—in good faith by reasonable and sincere people here and throughout the world.**” The Court also said that many “**reach that conclusion based on decent and honorable religious or philosophical premises, and neither they nor their beliefs are disparaged here.**” Unfortunately, LGBT curriculum laws are being used as a tool to do exactly that—disparage people who hold traditional beliefs.

Public schools should be neutral in their presentation of religious beliefs, worldview, and political ideology.