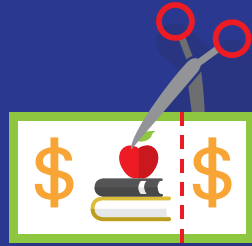


SB 302 Nevada's ESA Voucher Program



What is an ESA Voucher?

ESAs are private school vouchers that would divert money from public schools to help pay for private school tuition and other private expenses.



Didn't the Nevada Supreme Court Strike Down Private School Vouchers?

Yes, a group of parents filed a lawsuit, *Lopez v Schwartz*, that successfully argued that public dollars should not be diverted to private schools. Despite the huge need for public school resources, some are trying to create a new bill to get around the court ruling.

\$60,000,000

The Governor has proposed using taxpayer dollars to fund the controversial program.



How Will Vouchers Threaten Our Public Schools?

- Vouchers take away resources from already strapped public schools. Our public school students deserve the support, tools, and time to learn.
- Studies show vouchers don't work, especially for low-income and academically at-risk students, and increase segregation and isolation.
- Private schools are not accountable to the state, which could threaten the civil rights of students. For example, they can exclude special education, English language learner, and academically at-risk students.
- Private schools are not required to administer the same types of assessments as public schools, so we would be investing public money into schools with no idea on how their students achieve.

Why Every Nevadan Should Say No to Vouchers

Vouchers were designed to help students attending low-achieving schools, but the majority of voucher applicants come from higher-income households, from ZIP codes where students have access to high-performing neighborhood schools.

Vouchers would drain tens of millions of dollars from our public schools. They are wrong for our students and our communities.

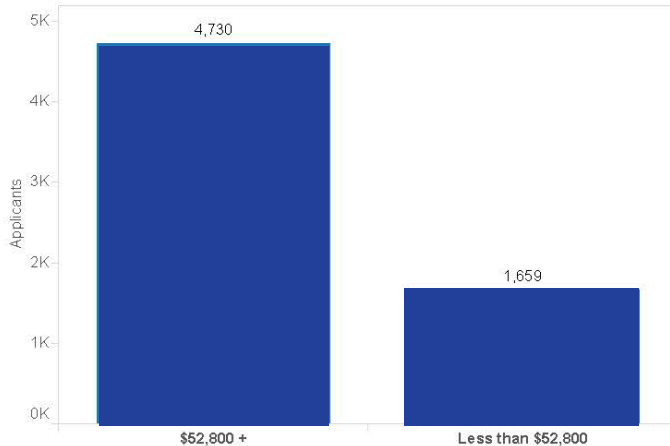


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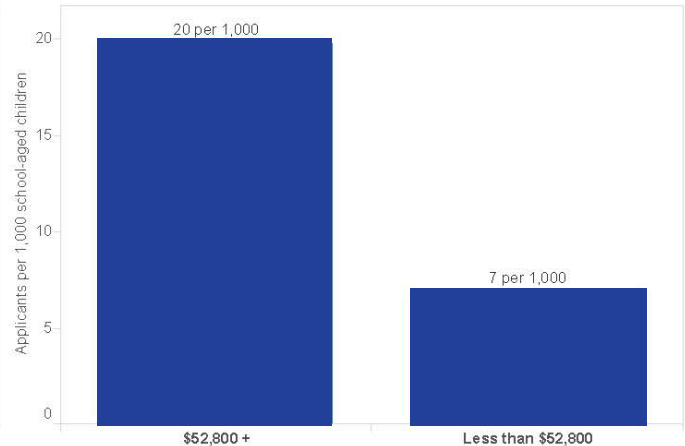
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Who Are Nevada's Voucher Applicants?

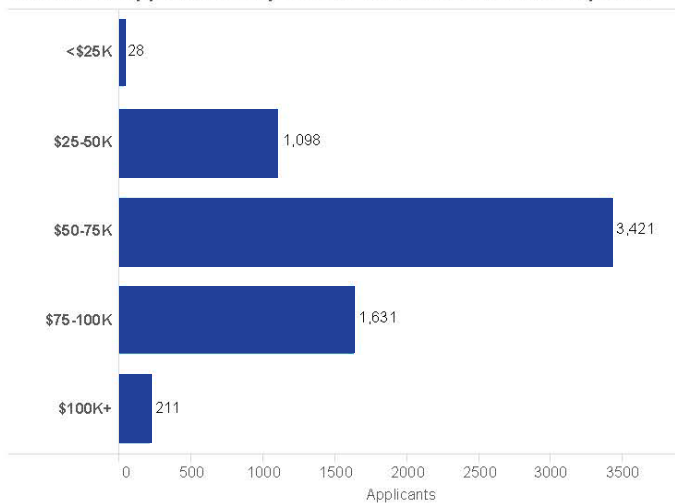
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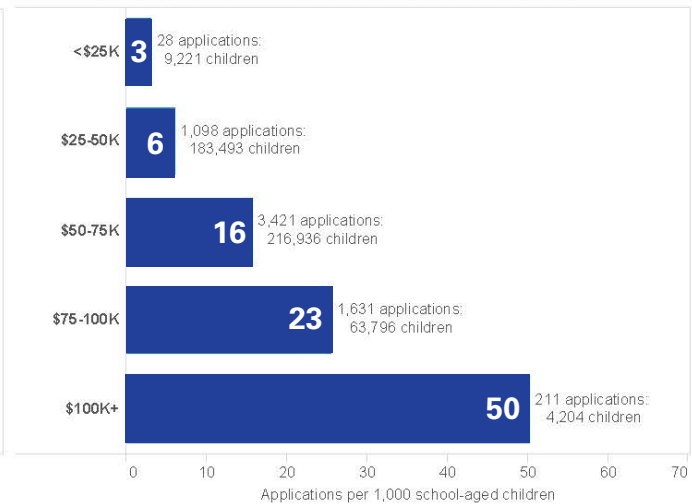
Application Rate (per 1,000 children) in zip codes above and below Nevada's median household income



Number of applications by median household income of zip code



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Studies of Vouchers Reveal They Don't Work for Kids

- Cleveland voucher program did not produce achievement gains.
- Colorado voucher program found high potential for abuse.
- Forty-one percent of private schools participating in Milwaukee voucher program closed their doors, uprooting students and parents.
- Louisiana voucher recipients fared academically worse than their public school counterparts.