



February 8, 2017

Indiana's School Choice/Voucher Program

Dear Parents:

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program provides State-funded vouchers to give Indiana families the opportunity to choose the school that best meets their needs and supports their values. ECS is a participant in the program. For more information, the State's website is www.doe.in.gov/choice.

On January 17, 2017, we began accepting applications from families interested in obtaining a State voucher for students to attend ECS (students new to ECS). Interested families are encouraged to contact the school office as soon as possible to explore your options as there are now seven pathways to eligibility. NOTE - there is also a separate program which provides special scholarships (called SGO grants) for students who may not qualify for a voucher, including **incoming kindergarten students.** Receiving one of these special scholarships may position your child for a future voucher.

Interested students must follow our application process and meet our admission standards, including a review of past records (grades, attendance, behavior, etc.), interview with the principal, support our mission, etc. Once we have agreed to accept the student's enrollment, we will hold a tentative spot and work with the family to apply for a voucher. The voucher application must be submitted electronically through ECS (by appt.) and cannot be done until ECS' admissions process is complete.

To qualify for a voucher, ECS must verify your eligibility (see back). If more qualified voucher applications are received than space is available, ECS must conduct a lottery to determine the students to be accepted. This year's lottery deadline is Friday, February 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. After that time, applications will be accepted based on available space. Student who have siblings enrolled at ECS or who attended ECS in the prior year, including PK, are exempt from the lottery process.

We encourage you to consider this exciting opportunity. With 680+ students in PreK-9th grade, ECS features challenging academics; licensed teachers; small classes; extensive technology, athletics, and arts; individual attention; and a safe, nurturing environment. ECS is fully accredited and is **an A-Rated, Four-Star School per the Indiana Department of Education.** Further, in 17/18, we are adding 10th grade and opening a new, freestanding campus near Lincoln Avenue and Epworth Road.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a tour, please give us a call at (812) 477-7777.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul W. Bair".

Paul W. Bair
Director of Advancement

Evansville Christian School
Indiana School Choice (Voucher) Program
 2017-2018 School Year

Student/Family Eligibility

- The student must be an Indiana resident and meet the income guidelines.
- There are seven pathways to eligibility (call to explore your options). Pathways include students who have been in an Indiana public or charter school for two semesters during the 2016-2017 school year, students who would be required to attend an “F” rated public school including kindergarten, and students who received a scholarship through the Scholarship Tax Credit Program (SGO Grant) in the prior year.

Income Guidelines

Based on Adjusted Gross Income, families may qualify for a “90%” or a “50%” voucher. ECS is required to verify the household size and income based on 2016 federal tax returns and other financial information. **The guidelines for 2017-2018 are as follows:**

For more information, FAQ, etc., visit: www.doe.in.gov/choice.

Household Size	Income Limits		
	90% voucher	50% voucher	200% Level ¹
2	\$ 30,044	\$ 45,066	\$ 60,088
3	37,777	56,666	75,554
4	45,510	68,265	91,020
5	53,243	79,865	106,486
6	60,976	91,464	121,952

Family Financial Commitment

Interested families must complete ECS’ application process. If accepted, a non-refundable Registration & Commitment fee of \$200/family must be paid and the State’s voucher application must be done electronically through ECS. The family will select a payment plan for the portion of tuition and fees not covered by the voucher, as well as fees for any additional services such as before & after school care. The family will be responsible for the Book & Supply and Technology Fees payable in June and July (they are not covered by the voucher). **Families must keep their account paid up-to-date to maintain voucher eligibility.** See the 2017-2018 Tuition and Fee Schedule. The tentative amount due from the family for 2017-2018, based on your student’s public school district and projected State funding, are:²

EVSC and Other School Districts

	Annual Family Financial Responsibility Per Child for Grades 1-10 (K amount is in parentheses)	
	(90% voucher)	(50% voucher)
1 st Child	\$ 1,312 (702)	\$ 3,791 (3,181)
2 nd Child	279 (0)	2,758 (2,239)
3 rd Child+	0 (0)	2,069 (1,611)

Warrick County School Corporation

	Annual Family Financial Responsibility Per Child for Grades 1-10 (K amount is in parentheses)	
	(90% voucher)	(50% voucher)
1 st Child	\$ 1,490 (1,265)	\$ 3,970 (3,494)
2 nd Child	490 (323)	3,071 (2,552)
3 rd Child+	0 (0)	2,382 (1,924)

NOTE: Families who qualify for a 50% voucher may also be eligible to apply for an SGO grant and ECS Tuition Assistance.

What Parents Should Do Now

We encourage you to visit the school, ask questions, etc. Interested students must follow our application process and meet our admission standards, including a review of past records, interview with the principal, support our mission, etc. To apply, you must submit a New Student Application Form, copy of the student’s official birth certificate, other required forms, and pay the non-refundable \$50 per family Application Fee (the fee is for new families only).

If we receive more voucher applicants (from NEW families) than available space by our lottery deadline, we must conduct a lottery. After that date, applications will be accepted based on available space. Once accepted, you have one week to pay the \$200 registration and commitment fee per family to secure your spot. Then, the voucher application must be submitted electronically through ECS, by appt., and cannot be done until ECS’ admissions process is complete.

¹ This level is applicable to determine eligibility: 1) for a continuing voucher pathway (e.g. received a voucher in the immediately preceding year), 2) for a special education voucher pathway, and 3) to apply for an SGO grants and ECS tuition assistance.

² These amounts are tentative for the 17/18 school year. Once the State releases the official rates for 17/18, which it will not do until Dec. 2017, the amount due from the family may be reduced in the 2nd semester (the family’s financial responsibility will **not** be increased). Further, the State payments vary by the student’s public school district; thus, the family’s financial responsibility varies by home school district. Per IDOE regulations, the home school district is **AT THE TIME OF VOUCHER APPLICATION** and does not change, even if the family moves, until the next school year.