

## **Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families**

### **Administration Policy:**

President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families](#) to “improve the education, well-being, and future success” of America’s children by expanding parents’ ability to choose the best educational options for their children. Specifically, this EO requires the Secretary of Education to issue guidance for states on how to access federal funds to support educational choice incentives, and to prioritize educational freedom in grant programs.

This EO also requires:

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue guidance for states receiving the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) to expand educational choice for low-income families, including access to private and faith-based education.
- The Secretary of Defense to review options for military families to use Department of Defense (DOD) funds to attend private, faith-based, and public charter schools.
- The Secretary of the Interior to review how to support educational choice for students eligible to attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools.

### **Background:**

- In 2017, the [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#) was signed into law and allowed parents to use 529 education savings accounts to cover K-12 tuition costs at the school of their choice.
- Former President Biden issued a [proposed rule](#) in 2022 which would have allowed schools to hide a child’s “gender identity” or “pronouns” from their parents.
  - In 2023, the House passed H.R. 5 the [Parents Bill of Rights Act](#) which established that parents have the right to know what their children are being taught in school.
  - This EO establishes that it is the policy of the Administration to “support parents in choosing and directing the upbringing and education of their children.”
- In 2024, the Ways and Means Committee marked up H.R. 8915 the [Education and Workforce Freedom Act](#), which included the [Student Empowerment Act](#), to expand allowable uses for 529 savings plans and give families the ability to choose the best education option for their children.