

## WHAT is Parental Choice?

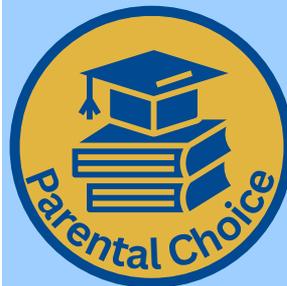
A public policy that allows tax dollars to be used outside of the public school system, allowing parents to choose the best educational environment for their children.

## WHY do the Bishops support Parental Choice?

The Catholic Church teaches that parents have the **right and responsibility** to determine the best education for their children.

## WHO benefits from Parental Choice

EVERYONE.



Find resources from the Texas bishops' by scanning and visiting:  
[txcatholic.org/parentalchoice](https://txcatholic.org/parentalchoice)





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## How will Parental Choice Work?

In a special session this fall, the Legislature will consider legislation to establish an Education Savings Account (ESA). An ESA works like a flexible spending account (FSA) used to pay for a variety of education-related expenses including private school tuition, school fees, tutoring, educational therapies, transportation, etc. The amount for each student is usually a percentage of the cost of educating that child in a public school.

**For the Texas Catholic Bishops to support a bill, it must include:**

Robust safeguards for the autonomy and religious liberty of private schools

Administration of norm-referenced assessments

Accreditation of participating private schools

Prioritization of low-income families for participation in an ESA program



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