

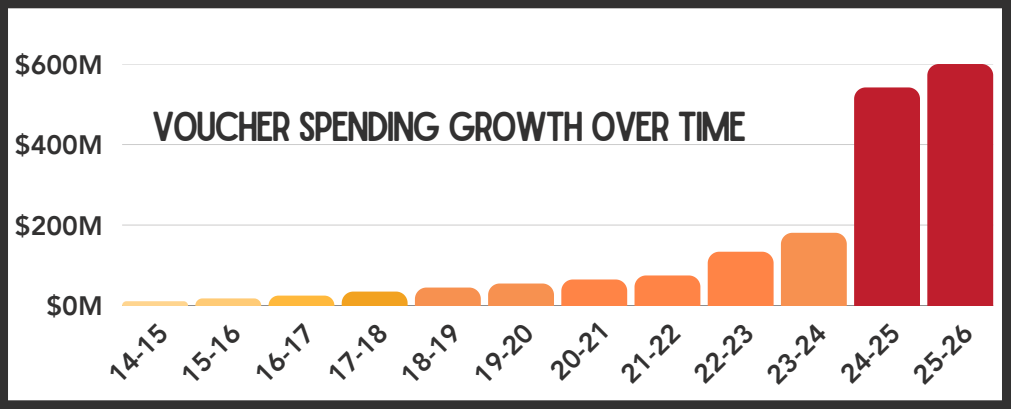
NC PRIVATE VOUCHER SCHOOL CURRICULUM



Taxpayers have already spent nearly **half a BILLION** this year for **private school tuition vouchers**, most going to schools whose curriculum is **not aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS)**. Public schools have to use these state-mandated academic standards. **Private schools receiving public tax dollars should also be required to select curriculum materials that meet or closely align with the content standards established by the NCSCOS.**

SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Opportunity Scholarships (school voucher program) was originally established to provide tuition money for low-income students in public schools who wanted to attend private schools. The eligibility requirements have changed a lot, allowing any student to get tuition money.



CURRICULUM STUDY FAST FACTS...



67% of voucher money- almost \$300M in 2024-25 went to private schools that teach biblical worldview curriculum.



Out of 642 private schools, 470 (73%) are religious schools and 172 (27%) are nonreligious schools.



Only 47 (a mere 7%) of North Carolina voucher receiving private schools follow the NC Standard Course of Study.

Curriculum Type	Schools	Percent	\$, 24-25, April	Percent
Christian, Biblical Worldview	344	53.58%	\$290,480,899	67.28%
Christian, Other	44	6.85%	\$32,483,658	7.52%
Religious, Other	9	1.40%	\$4,846,638	1.12%
NCSCOS Religious	41	6.39%	\$39,011,423	9.04%
NCSCOS, Nonreligious	6	0.93%	\$1,104,732	0.26%
Nonreligious, Unspecified	97	15.11%	\$30,608,961	7.09%
Nonreligious, Specified	62	9.66%	\$27,928,396	6.47%
Curriculum Not Found	39	6.07%	\$5,259,508	1.22%
Totals	642	100.00%	\$431,724,215	100.00%

CURRICULUM COMPARISON

NC STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY (NCSCOS)

North Carolina public schools have **rigorous requirements** that focus on developing skills such as **critical thinking**, **collaboration**, **communication**, and **adaptability**, in addition to specific subject matter knowledge.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Biblical Worldview curriculum often use **Abeka or Bob Jones Press materials**. Experts question the ability of these curriculum to prepare students for the 21st-century. They often **exclude scientific evolution content** in biology courses and **integrate religious ideology** into history lessons.

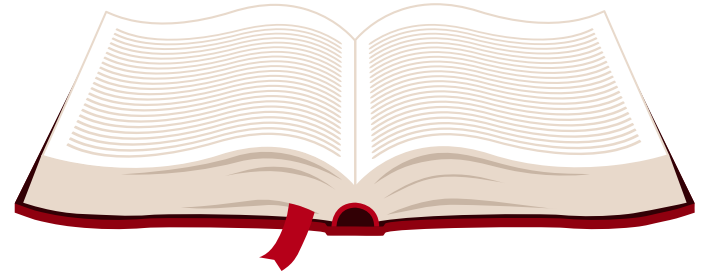
NONRELIGIOUS, NON-NCSCOS

These schools use an approach that is **not the NCSCOS or religious**. Some of the curriculum is unspecified, others are **Montessori**, project based learning, or focused on students with disabilities.

The **NCSCOS** standards required in public schools focus on **preparing students for college-level courses** or the workforce in the 21st-century. Most **private schools are not using these curriculum standards** that align with the admission guidelines established by the UNC system and other state university systems.



The Top 20 voucher-receiving private schools in 2024-25 were religious, specifically Christian. 18 of them taught the biblical worldview curriculum.



EXCERPTS: BOB JONES, BIOLOGY

- Explain how Christians attempt to reconcile the biblical account of Creation with evolution.
- Relate hormones to physical and spiritual responses.
- Explain how the Fall has affected the culture's view of love and human sexuality.
- Relate photosynthesis to life in the biosphere according to Genesis 1:29-31.

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