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The move to universal vouchers in Florida and Arizona caused huge expansion. Ohio should be on alert.

The universal voucher program in Florida increased voucher recipients 44% in one year—from 264,400 in 2022-23 to 382,000 in 2023-2024. In one Catholic school in Coral Gables, the vouchers increased from 160 to 560 in one year.

In Arizona, the projected cost for the universal voucher program was \$65 million. Turns out that \$900 million will be required. The Arizona Education Association (AEA) fears that the new program will bankrupt the state. According to AEA, Arizona is 49th in the nation for per-pupil public school funding.

Ohio will most likely experience a greater cost of the expanded voucher program than projected. The private community in Ohio is being very aggressive in pushing their constituents in signing up for vouchers. EVERY OHIO INDIVIDUAL OF SCHOOL AGE is eligible.

[Florida school voucher awards jump 44% after state makes everyone eligible – Orlando Sentinel](#)

[Arizona school voucher program growth explodes to \\$900 million for the upcoming school year \(azmirror.com\)](#)