

**Taxpayer funds appropriated to private schools from 1997-2025 not including vouchers: \$5,558,392,326.**

*Included in this piece is a [table](#) of State appropriations for auxiliary services and non-public administrative cost reimbursement funds. The table does not include numerous other special appropriations to private schools that have been made through the years. Neither are transportation costs included.*

*The total auxiliary services provided to private schools for fiscal years 1997-2025 is \$3,839,255,038 and the total non-public administrative cost reimbursement for the same time period is \$1,719,137,288 for a total of \$5,558,392,326 for those two appropriated items.*

*There is no cost-based rationale for the biennial appropriations of these line items in the State budget. Initially, a number for each appropriation was pulled out of thin air. Thereafter the amount was typically increased by roughly the percentage of increase in the total K-12 education budget. An exception to this pattern was in the 1990's when the legislature approved a proposal by Governor Voinovich to double the non-public administrative cost reimbursement amount.*

*The voucher cost to taxpayers during the similar timeframe is \$3,871,514,397; hence, the grand total amount allotted to private schools since 1997 is \$9,429,906,723.*

[Table: Auxiliary Services and Nonpublic Cost Reimbursement](#)