

Testing the limits of tax support for private choices

The illogical rationale of school-choicers' demand for private choice of private schools at taxpayers' expense can be illustrated by some corresponding examples.

Suppose a school district doesn't offer violin lessons within the music program. A student demands a voucher from the state for private violin lessons. Or the school district doesn't offer the foreign language TAMIL. A student demands a state funded voucher for payment of a teacher fluent in TAMIL. Suppose a student in a public school chooses to participate in a travel basketball team rather than the school district team? Should the state issue a travel team voucher to that student? Do taxpayers have the extra responsibility to fund the private choices not available in the public common school system?

Likewise, do taxpayers have the responsibility to fund the private choice of those who choose private schools?