Education Savings Accounts (ESA's) are proposed in Ohio's State Budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Spending experience in other states give notice that ESA's fund theme park tickets, TV's up to 55 inches, Nintendo Wii and home internet.

Arizona and Florida are notorious for using tax funds to provide direct payments to parents (ESA's) for all kinds of education expenditures that scarcely relate to education. An <u>investigation by WESH2</u> in Florida uncovered that in 2024-2025 school year, 8400 theme park tickets were reimbursed with another 5400 pending for approval. (One theme park ticket or pass can be reimbursed at a cost of \$229 to taxpayer.)

In states that now fund ESA's, a listing of eligible items for "education" expenditures is adopted and published. ESA recipients, of course, are free to lobby for additional items to be added to the list. Some theme park tickets are eligible for reimbursement. Most any service or commodity could be made eligible. For example, a motor vehicle for use in taking field trips could be justified since theme park tickets are eligible.

Will Ohio lawmakers dive headlong into the tax-funded ESA cesspool in spite of the waste already documented in other states? No doubt about it.

https://allears.net/2025/05/31/investigation-reveals-that-state-funded-school-vouchers-were-used-for-over-8400-disney-universal-and-seaworld-tickets/