

NORTH CAROLINA



OVERALL GRADE:

B+

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13TH

STUDENT-CENTERED FUNDING PROGRAMS

GRADE:

B

How to Improve:

- North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Program is available to all students in the state. As a voucher program, it can be used by families to pay for tuition at private schools. Policymakers could make this program even stronger by converting it to an ESA, which would allow families to spend the funds on a wide variety of approved K-12 educational expenses.



CHARTER SCHOOLS

GRADE:

B

How to Improve:

- Ensure that charter schools receive equitable per-pupil funding for operations and facilities.



HOMESCHOOLING

GRADE:

C

How to Improve:

- Remove requirement that homeschool teachers possess a teaching license. Parents should always be empowered to teach their own children, regardless of whether they possess a valid teaching credential.
- Remove annual assessment requirement for homeschooled students.



VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

GRADE:

C

How to Improve:

- Allow virtual school students to take their state assessments virtually.



OPEN ENROLLMENT

GRADE:

F

How to Improve:

- Require public school districts to participate in both intradistrict and interdistrict open enrollment, subject to reasonable exceptions like space limitations.
- Provide transparency by requiring public school districts to publish their open enrollment policies, how many seats they have available per grade level, how many students are using open enrollment, how many students were rejected for open enrollment, and the reasons for those rejections.
- Ensure that families are never charged tuition for attending a public school, even when participating in open enrollment.