

WHAT'S IN TODAY'S NEWS ABOUT VOUCHERS IN TENNESSEE

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1. <https://www.wsmv.com/2025/08/14/tn-public-school-funding-per-student-lags-behind-gov-lees-school-vouchers-tdoe-data-finds/>

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WSMV) - Data set to be presented to the Tennessee Board of Education shows that state public school students will receive less state funding than students enrolled in Gov. Bill Lee's school voucher program.

According to the data, \$6.8 billion in state funds have been dedicated to K-12 public schools, which is about \$7,023 per student. That is \$272 per student less than what Gov. Lee's private school voucher program provides.

The voucher program will provide \$7,295 per student to help cover the cost of private school tuition.

2. <https://www.wsmv.com/2025/08/07/tennessees-expanded-school-voucher-program-launches-amid-glitches-parent-frustration/>

Tennessee's expanded school voucher program launches amid glitches, parent frustration

Parents have reported technical issues, confusion, and communication breakdowns.

3. <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/education/2025/08/15/tennessee-teacher-bonuses-vouchers-taxes-pay-dates/85643599007/>

- Tennessee's statewide expansion to its controversial voucher program included one-time \$2,000 bonuses for teachers.
- Some teachers were caught off guard by taxes applied to the bonuses, with some reporting around 35% taken out.

Teacher bonuses tied to [Tennessee's controversial voucher program expansion](#) have begun to roll out statewide. However, some teachers have seen roughly 35% in taxes and deductions taken out of their bonuses.

