



Will Texas protect against waste and abuse?

Don't Arizona (or Florida) our Texas schools!

In **Arizona**, a TV station investigation of approved voucher spending found:

- \$3,400 for **one** purchase at a golf store
- \$10,000 for **one** purchase at a sewing machine company
- \$19,000 for 100+ passes to Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort
- \$100,000 for extravagant appliances that freeze dry food (\$3,000 each)
- \$350,000 for “Ninja Warrior” training centers, trampoline parks, & climbing gyms
- \$400,000 for trendy, indoor hydroponic tower gardens that cost \$1,000 each
- \$1.2 million for martial arts instruction¹

Additional approved purchases included kayaks, cowboy roping lessons,² & at least \$1 million worth of Legos, including 84 Lego sets that cost \$500+ each.³

In **Florida**, lawmakers in 2023 expanded access to the state’s voucher program, while at the same time giving parents more ways to spend the public funds offered. Allowable expenses include:

- 55-inch TVs (over \$1.2 million spent)
- Stand-up paddleboards
- Treadmills (over \$43,000 spent)
- Trampolines (over \$30,000 spent)
- Game consoles (over \$225,000 spent)
- Kayaks⁴

¹ <https://www.abc15.com/news/local-news/investigations/arizona-empowerment-scholarships-what-304-million-bought>

² Jacobson, Linda. (2023, February 7). “Trampolines and cowboy classes: Arizona parents take advantage of state’s homeschooling funds.” The Guardian. <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/feb/07/arizona-education-savings-account-homeschooling-parents-take-advantage>

³ Dana, Joe. (2024, June 7) “parents of private voucher students spent over \$1 million of public money buying Lego sets.” Channel

12 News (Phoenix).

<https://www.12news.com/article/news/education/at-least-1-million-of-public-money-used-to-buy-legos-for-private-voucher-esa-students/75-b73d7a20-66e4-417c-9d30-e22553334b0e>

⁴ Solochek, Jeffrey S. (2023, September 1). “Florida school vouchers can pay for TVs, kayaks and theme parks. Is that OK?” Tampa Bay Times.

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/education/2023/09/01/florida-school-vouchers-can-pay-tvs-kayaks-theme-parks-is-that-ok/>