Education Choice and Competition Index

SCORING GUIDE SUMMARY

1 CATEGORY #1: ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Are there alternatives to traditional public schools and, if so, are many students enrolled in them?

2 CATEGORY #2: ACCESSIBILITY OF VIRTUAL COURSES
Can students enroll in free online courses that count towards graduation requirements?

3 CATEGORY #3: POPULARITY OF SCHOOLS REFLECTED IN FUNDING
Do district funds follow students to schools and differ based on student needs (i.e., special education, ELL, etc.)? If so, what percentage of district funds is allocated through this formula?

4 CATEGORY #4: CLOSURES OF SCHOOLS WITH DECLINING ENROLLMENT DUE TO PARENTAL CHOICE
Does the district close schools that are unpopular as evidenced by declining student enrollment?

5 CATEGORY #5: DEGREE OF CHOICE AND FAIRNESS IN SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT
Can parents choose schools, and if so are parental preferences maximized or is there a fair lottery for choice schools (vs. first come first serve)?

6 CATEGORY #6: COMMON APPLICATION FOR ALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS
Is there a streamlined application process with one common application for enrollment in all schools?

7 CATEGORY #7: AVAILABILITY AND COMPARABILITY OF TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP/VOUCHER DATA
In the case of private schools supported with public funding (through vouchers or tax credit scholarships), is performance data publicly reported and comparable to public school data?

8 CATEGORY #8: REPORTING OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GAINS IN SCHOOLS
Does the district report student achievement gains vs. only reporting student achievement status at the end of a given year?

9 CATEGORY #9: ACCESSIBLE ONLINE CHOICE INFORMATION
Can parents easily understand the school choice process and options available through the district website?

10 CATEGORY #10: RELEVANT ONLINE STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA
Does the district website provide data that allows a parent compare schools (i.e. school popularity, parent survey results, absentee rates for teachers, past performance of principals, course offerings, etc.)?

11 CATEGORY #11: CLEAR/UNDERSTANDABLE ONLINE PERFORMANCE DATA
Is the performance data outlined in category 10 presented in an easy to understand format and can schools be compared side by side?

12 CATEGORY #12: TRANSPORTATION TO ALTERNATIVE/CHOICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Does the district provide students with free transportation to public schools of choice?

13 CATEGORY #13: DISTRICT SCHOOL QUALITY RATING
How well do schools in the district perform on state assessments?