



Empowerment Scholarship Accounts can transform education in Missouri

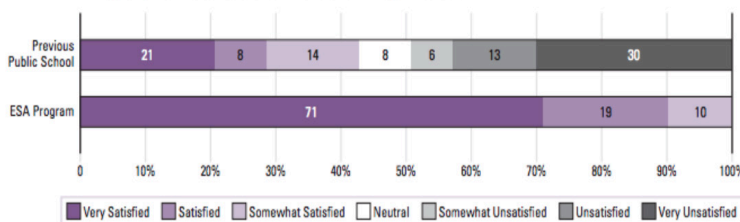
ESAs: What you need to know

Education/Empowerment Savings Account programs across the country usually start with a focus on special learners, children in foster care and children in military families, allowing these students to attend a public and/or private school that can address their specific learning needs. For the over 115,000 Missouri students with an IEP, a one-size-fits-all approach to education frequently fails to deliver, leaving the students and their families trapped in an outdated and stagnant education system.

Proposed Missouri ESA legislation would create the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Fund that would allow families to apply for a scholarship of \$6,241 or more per year to help the family seek a variety of other educational opportunities including homeschooling, private schools or virtual education as well as using the funding to employ a private tutor, pay for textbooks, pay fees for Advanced Placement exams, pay for specialized therapies, purchase computers needed for education, or pay for summer or after-school education programs.

ESA's have a proven record of success in other states, where an overwhelming majority of families using them like them and a preponderance of research shows positive educational outcomes as a result of ESA programs.

FIGURE 11 How Satisfied are You with the School or Program Your Child Used in the Year Before Enrolling in the ESA Program / How Satisfied are You with the ESA Program Overall?



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How Empowerment Savings Accounts Work

1. The family receives a restricted-use debit card loaded with allotted funds for their child's education.
2. The family uses the card for approved educational expenses and submits the receipts to the approved administrative agent. Debit cards can be used only with vendors approved by the state.
3. Families may roll over funds, and any unused funds at the end of the year can be used the following year.

