

# Vouchers hurt equity.

Last year, **more than half** of schools getting voucher funds via Illinois' Invest in Kids program **had no Black voucher recipients**,

Even within the city of Chicago, **4 out of 10 schools** with voucher recipients **had no Black voucher students** last year (60 of 141, 43%).

Although two-thirds of voucher recipients were from low-income households, **only about 1/4 of total voucher funds went to low-income students** (\$20M out of \$76M, 26%).

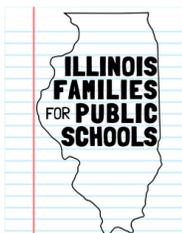
**There is no data on** how many voucher students are **English-language learners, qualify for special education services** under IDEA or are gifted students—even though schools receive higher dollar amounts for these students.

According to Empower Illinois, **only 11% of voucher recipients** are either English-language learners, special education students and/or gifted students.

But **in Illinois' public schools**, **about 28%** of students are English-language learners, students with IEPs or both.

Only **13% of private schools** receiving Invest in Kids funds **served any special education students** last year. **100% of public schools in Illinois enroll students with IEPs.**

**About 1 in 5 schools** (18%) receiving Invest in Kids funding last year had a written policy that is anti-LGBTQ.



**PUBLIC FUNDS MUST BE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT SERVE ALL KIDS.**  
**THE IL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD LET THE INVEST IN KIDS ACT SUNSET AS PLANNED.**

# 1 IN 2

## IL VOUCHER SCHOOLS: HAD NO BLACK VOUCHER RECIPIENTS



## ONLY 1 IN 4 VOUCHER DOLLARS WENT TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS



# 1 IN 5

## IL VOUCHER SCHOOLS HAVE ANTI-LGBTQ+ POLICIES

