

NEW YORK POOR LOVE VOUCHERS

Last year, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced the start of a school-choice scholarship program aimed at students in the city's lowest-performing school districts, virtually all of which are located in New York's poorest neighborhoods. To the chagrin of the public school establishment, some 13,000 students competed for approximately 1,300 scholarships; the lottery winners were allowed to choose from any of the city's private schools. This year experts say that the number of applicants for the voucher-like program will almost double.

As expected, most of the winning students elect to go to a Catholic school. Smart kids.