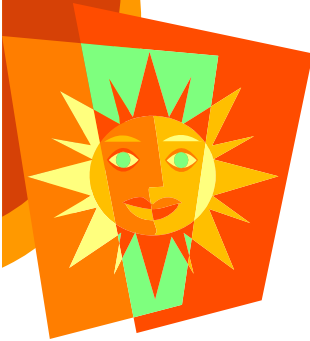


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Registration and Enrollment Tips

With the current school year coming to a close, now is the time for schools to ensure McKay enrollment for the upcoming school year is in order. Students who will be returning to the same school in August must be reenrolled. New students must be registered and enrolled. Students who will not be returning should be withdrawn.

In order to make the process less troublesome over the summer, students who have not been reenrolled in their current school by May 31st, will be available in the system to be picked up by another school, even if the student was not officially withdrawn from their current school.

STATUTORY DEADLINES—The McKay Scholarship enrollment deadline is August 2. Enrollment includes creating an individual student fee schedule and providing a first date of attendance. All current and new scholarship students must be enrolled by August 2 to be eligible for a September 1 payment.

ACCURATE INFORMATION— Please verify that students are enrolled in the correct grade level with the correct parent Social Security Number (SSN) and contact information. Incorrect parent SSNs may result in delay of scholarship payments.

DATES—Scholarship students must maintain continued attendance in a participating private school to remain eligible for payment. Please be accurate when entering first dates of attendance or student withdrawal dates.

WITHDRAWAL FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL—Advise parents of scholarship students, especially new students, to notify the public school district that their student is withdrawing from public school to attend a private school. Prior to payment, school districts are required to verify that scholarship students are not enrolled in public school. If the parent does not notify the district that the student is attending private school, the district may report the student as still enrolled in public school. The scholarship payment then will be delayed until a correction is made.

If you encounter problems or need assistance with a scholarship student, do not wait until the deadline. Contact your Regional Manager promptly.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any student who filed intent after July 3 will not be eligible for a September 1 payment, regardless of their enrollment date.
- A student will forfeit the scholarship if enrolled in any summer program, such as Drivers Ed., that is funded through FEFP.

Special Points of Interest:

- **To be eligible for the September payment**, new students must have a valid intent filed by July 3 and be enrolled by August 2. Returning or transferring students must be reenrolled by August 2.
- Requests for missed payments must be made by **June 1** of the fiscal year in which they are due.



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Checking Intent Status

After filing intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program, the parent is provided with a **confirmation number** that may be used to check the status of the intent, including the student's intent date, eligibility, matrix number, and estimated scholarship amount.

Private schools may assist parents in [checking the intent status](#) on the School Choice website. Simply enter the student's last name, birth date, and the intent confirmation number provided by the parent. Please note that the School Choice Information Hotline can provide student status information only to the parent or with the parent's permission.



In the News

MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY AT THE FAMILY CAFÉ

The Family Café is hosting a one-day training entitled *Mental Health Literacy* on Thursday, **June 14, 2012**, at the Hilton Orlando from 9:30am–5:00pm. This training will be held in conjunction with The 14th Annual Family Café at the Hilton Orlando at 6000 Destination Parkway. To register online, please visit http://www.familycafe.net/administrator/components/com_civcrm/civcrm/images/stories/pdffiles/index.php?option=com_civcrm&task=civcrm/event/register&reset=1&id=2. For more information, please visit The Family Café website at www.familycafe.net or contact Lori Fahey at (850) 224-4670.

THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN (FOC): CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, SPRING 2012

The Future of Children's new volume, *Children with Disabilities*, explores childhood disability-including prevalence, nature, treatment, and consequences. It also examines the importance of education for children with disabilities and their families. For more information, please visit <http://www.futureofchildren.org/>.



Mark Your Calendar

May 31—Date McKay students who have not been re-enrolled are made available in the system.

June 1—Date by which requests for missing payments must be submitted.

July 3—Intent filing deadline for the September 1 payment.

August 2— Enrollment deadline for the September 1 payment.

August 15—Date by which FTC standardized testing results must be submitted.

September 2—Intent filing deadline to be eligible for the November 1 payment.

October 2—Enrollment deadline for the November 1 payment.

Please contact your Regional Manager with questions regarding these deadlines.

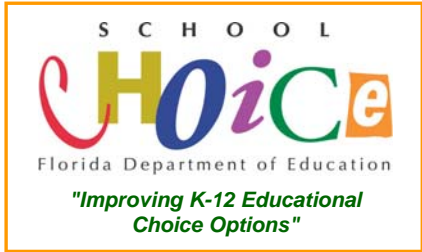
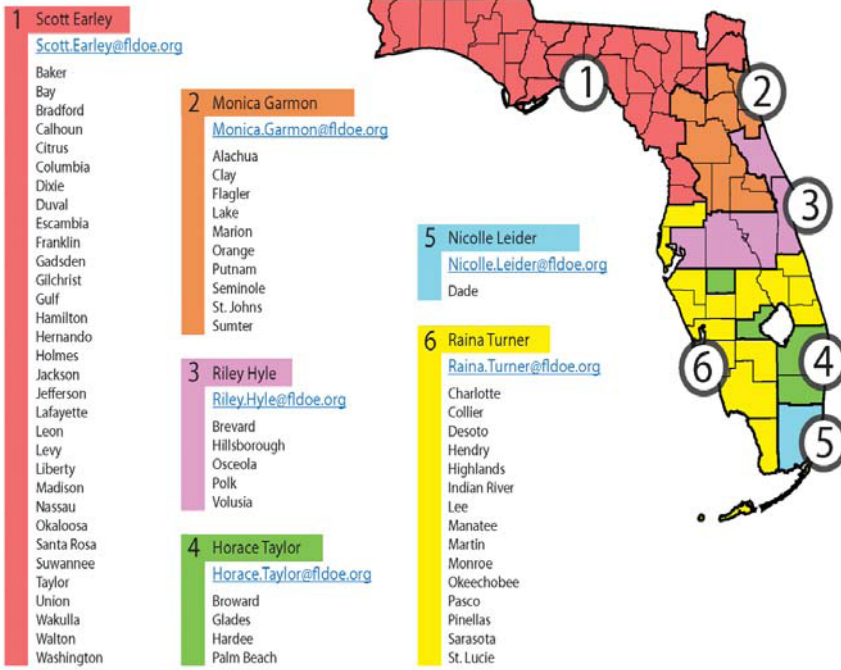
FTC Reporting

Private schools participating in the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program are reminded that they must report student' standardized test-scores for students in grades 3-10 to the parent and to the independent research organization selected by the Department of Education. Please send copies of score sheets with name, testing date, and national percentile ranking by August 15, 2012, to:

David Figlio
School Reporting Compliance Center
Department of Economics
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611-7140

Specific instructions are available on the School Choice Website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/CTC/norm_referenced_assessment.asp

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MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2012-2013 IMPORTANT DEADLINES

PAYMENT PERIOD	PAYMENT DATE	PARENTAL INTENT DEADLINE	PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE	ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION DEADLINE
July 1 – Sept 30	September 1	July 3	August 2	N/A	N/A
Oct 1 – Dec 31	November 1	September 2	October 2	October 3	October 10
Jan 1 – Feb 28	February 1	December 3	January 2	January 3	January 10
Mar 1 – June 30	April 1	January 31	March 2	March 4	March 11

- Please note that the deadlines for filing a parental intent and private school enrollment are statutory deadlines; therefore, the department cannot make exceptions if these deadlines are missed.
- Failure to complete attendance verification will result in a postponement of scholarship payments until the next scheduled payment period.
- Private schools participating in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program must meet the deadlines set by the Scholarship Funding Organizations to receive payment.