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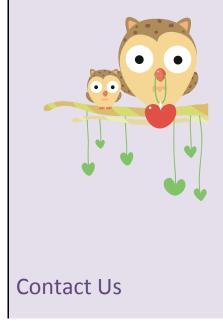
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Compliance Renewal Due March 1st Deadline Approaching

Participating private schools have approximately one month left to submit a Scholarship Compliance Form in order to renew participation in the state McKay and Florida Tax Credit Scholarship programs.

- Step 1: The forms must be submitted online, and a signed and notarized hard copy must be mailed to our office postmarked no later than March 1, 2014.
- Step 2: For renewing private schools that submit their compliance forms by the deadline, any outstanding compliance issues must be resolved and any additional compliance documentation must be received by our office no later than May 1, 2014.

Schools missing either of these deadlines will not be eligible to participate in the scholarship programs for the 2014-2015 school year.

Your regional manager will assist you with any questions. Schools are advised to contact them as early as possible, as the increasing volume of calls and e-mails may delay their response as deadlines approach. FL Department of Education 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1044 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

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McKay: Checking Intent Status

2014 Intent Has Opened!



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

FTC Norm-Reference Testing

Private schools participating in the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program are reminded of the requirement to administer, or make provisions for FTC students in grades 3-10 to take one of the nationally norm-referenced tests identified by the Department of Education. The approved assessments and specific instructions are available on the School Choice website at:

> www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/ CTC/norm_referenced_assessment.asp.

Participating private schools must make arrangements to administer one of the approved listed tests during the 2014-15 school year, unless the private school has requested and received approval to use an alternate assessment. If you have any questions related to this requirement, please review the information on the page lined above, or contact your Regional Manager.

Assistance With Compliance

With only one month left to submit a Scholarship Compliance Form, you may find yourself in need of assistance with this annual task. Helpful videos and information for compliance can be found under <u>Compliance Resources</u> (in the left-hand menu), when you are logged in as a private school at <u>www.floridaschoolchoice.org</u>

Mark Your Calendar



February 1—First day for new students to file an intent for the 2014-15 school year.

March 1— Scholarship Compliance

Forms due for 2014-15 participation.

March 2—Date by which a new student must be enrolled to receive the fourth quarterly payment.

March 3-10—Attendance Verification week for the final payment period.

May 1—Date by which all Compliance issues must be resolved.

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.

Questions? Please contact your Regional Manager.