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Changing Locations?

Are you moving over the summer to a larger or more convenient space? Private schools participating in state scholarship programs must alert the department to any change in location within 15 days. Use the Update Notification Form available on our website to inform us of a move or a change in mailing address.

Even though schools are allowed 15 days to submit the form, Florida law does not permit any private school to operate in a location that has not met health and safety laws. Be sure to have all applicable inspections completed before students attend your new location.



To avoid delays in scholarship payments, be sure to inform our office of your move and provide the necessary documentation as soon as possible.

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 organizations elected by the Department of Education. Please send copies of score sheets with name, testing date, and national percentile ranking by August 15, 2014, to:

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at: www.floridaschoolchoice.org

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Specific instructions are available on the School Choice Website.

McKay: Avoid payment issues with these enrollment tips

With the new school year nearly upon us, now is the time for schools to ensure McKay enrollment is in order. Students who will be returning to the same school in August must be re-enrolled. 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Students who will not be returning should be withdrawn.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 re-enrolled 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by May 31st will be available in the system to be picked up by another school, even if the student was not officially withdrawn from their current school.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 2nd. Enrollment includes creating a 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 1st 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.

NOTE: Any student who filed intent after July 3rd will not be eligible for a September 1st 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. If you encounter problems or need assistance with a scholarship student, do not wait until the deadline. Contact your Regional Manager promptly.

New Scholarship Program

The Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program (PLSA) was established in the 2014 legislative session (SB 850) to provide parents the option to better meet the individual needs of their eligible children. Scholarship accounts are administered by eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations (SFOs). Parents of eligible children may use the accounts to purchase approved goods or services, as well as provide for prepaid college plans.

A student is eligible for a PLSA from a nonprofit SFO through this program, if:

- A. the student is a resident of Florida;
- B. the student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten through grade twelve in a public school in Florida;
- C. Has a disability as defined by Section 1002.385(2)(d), Florida Statutes; and,
- D. Is the subject of an IEP written in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education, or has received a diagnosis of an eligible disability from a licensed

physician or psychologist.

More information on PLSA and eligible SFOs is available on our website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/PLSA.

Mark Your Calendar



August 2—Enrollment deadline for the McKay 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

Questions? Please contact your Regional Manager.
