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Compliance Issues – May 1st

Renewing private schools that met the Scholarship Compliance Form submission deadline of March 1 must resolve any outstanding compliance issues by May 1, 2017, in order to remain eligible to participate in the state scholarship programs for the 2017-18 school year. This means all documentation must be received by our office on or before May 1. Schools having unresolved issues after May 1 will not be able to participate in the McKay, FTC or Gardiner Scholarship Programs for the upcoming school year.

Helpful videos and information can be found under Compliance Resources (in the left-hand menu), when you are logged in at <u>www.floridaschoolchoice.org</u>. Remember, you can use the Compliance Checklist link, also in the left menu, to see the status of your document review. Please contact your regional manager promptly if you have any questions about the compliance process.

Facilities Inspections Reminder

To help your annual compliance process run more smoothly, review your facility's fire, health, and radon inspection reports before you submit them to our office. Check to see that the inspector completes the forms with your school's correct name and complete address. Fire and health inspections should be appropriate for a K-12 private school and must be in your school's name, even if you are leasing space from a church or other organization.

FTC Norm-Referenced Testing

Private schools participating in the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program must report the results of nationally normreferenced tests or the statewide assessments administered by the private school in grades 3 through 10 to the parent and to Learning

McKay Upcoming Deadlines

<u>May 1</u>

Date by which all Compliance issues must be resolved.

<u>June 1</u>

Date by which requests for missing payments must be submitted.

<u>July 3</u>

Intent filing deadline for the September 1 payment.

<u>August 2</u>

Enrollment deadline for the September 1 payment.

<u>August 15</u>

Date by which FTC standardized testing results must be submitted.

More Information

Regional Managers McKay Calendar McKay Deadlines Application & Renewal Instructions McKay Student Technical Assistance Compliance Resources McKay Parent Affidavit Update Notification Form

Other Resources



OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AND PARENTAL CHOICE Systems Institute. Please send copies of score sheets with name, testing date, and national percentile ranking by August 15, 2017, to:

Melissa Dyehouse Learning Systems Institute Florida State University Suite 4600 University Center Bldg. C Tallahassee, FL 32306-2540

For information about upcoming deadlines or questions about the project, please contact Melissa Dyehouse via phone (850-645-0396) or email (<u>mdyehouse@lsi.fsu.edu</u>) or go to: http://schoolreporting.net.

McKay Payment Discrepancies

If there is a student for whom you are missing a McKay Scholarship payment, you must submit a Scholarship Issue Form along with all necessary documentation to our office. Please be aware that the final deadline for the submission of all payment documentation for the 2016-17 school year is June 1, 2017. Requests or documentation submitted after that date cannot be processed. Governor Scott has proclaimed April 2017 School Library Month. School library programs enhance students' reading enjoyment and help prepare them for lifelong learning. National Library Week also occurs in April and highlights the resources and contributions of all types of libraries. For ideas and recommended reading lists, see ilovelibraries.org.



Spearheaded by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, <u>Living</u> <u>Healthy in Florida</u> provides consistent information to Florida's children, families and seniors on healthy eating, good nutrition and active living. Check out their <u>Resources for Teachers</u> designed to bring food, health and agriculture into the classroom.

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