

Florida Scholarship Programs District Newsletter

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McKay Intents

Special points of interest:

- The District FTE File for the September payment period will be available September 30.
- The next District Verification File will be available October 5 and must be submitted by October 12.



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Parents may continue to file intent for the current school year through January 31, so please be sure to check your intent list on a regular basis.

Section 1002.39(5)(b)2.b., F.S., requires the school district to complete a matrix of services for every student participating in the McKay Scholarship Program and notify the Department of the student's matrix level within 30 days after receiving notification of a request to participate in the scholarship program. Our system verifies that the student met FTE requirements. District staff must confirm that the student is currently a public school student and has an Individual Education Plan.

Public School McKay

Please be reminded that **there is no statutory deadline** for the Public School McKay Scholarship Option. Districts may accept McKay public school students throughout the school year, provided that there is available space in the selected school and the appropriate program for the student according to his or her IEP. The same applies for eligible McKay Scholarship students requesting transfer to a public school in an adjacent school district.

Students currently in a McKay private school may exercise the McKay public school option. Parents are required to notify the district that the student is returning to the public school under the McKay Public School Option, and the district will discuss with the parent what choices might be available. In the future, if the parent wishes for the student to return to a private school under McKay, the student would need to file a new intent and meet all eligibility requirements including having an IEP and meeting the prior year attendance requirement.



Take Note

HB 1505 Applications

The application period for students under HB 1505 began July 1, 2010.

At the time of application, the DOE will automatically determine whether the student was enrolled and reported by a Florida public school district for funding during October and February Florida Education Finance Program surveys in any year between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2010, and whether the student would be a first-time McKay Scholarship recipient in the 2011-2012 school year. Students meeting these criteria in the DOE database will be allowed to apply, and their intents will appear on the district McKay Web page.

The district where the student resides is then responsible for determining whether the student is an eligible student with a disability, and if so, must complete the matrix of services based on the current IEP. The deadline for developing a current IEP is June 30, 2011. Districts should strongly encourage parents to request a current IEP no later than March 30, 2011. The matrix of service documents must be completed within 30 days of IEP development.

District Verification File

The first quarter McKay Scholarship payments for the 2010-11 school year were issued September 1st. As private schools are reviewing payments, they will begin to submit the **McKay District Verification Form** to school districts for certain students that did not receive a payment.

This form must be completed by the parent, private school, and school district if a scholarship student did not receive a payment because the district reported the student as enrolled in public school (EPS) in error.

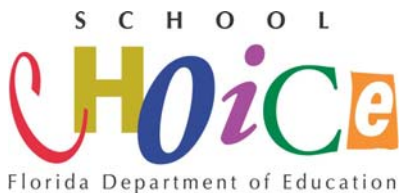
In addition to completing the form, please update the student information in your district records if the student is now enrolled in a participating private school. This will ensure the student is not marked EPS in error in the future.

MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IMPORTANT DEADLINES 2010-2011				
	<u>District Verification File</u>			<u>District FTE File</u>
Payment Period	Available Date	Submission Deadline	Final Update	Available Date
September	August 3rd	August 6th	August 10th	September 30th
November	October 4th	October 7th	October 11th	November 20th
February	January 3rd	January 6th	January 10th	February 19th
April	March 3rd	March 9th	March 11th	May 7th

District Verification File: McKay pre-payment file which is exported to districts to verify that students are not enrolled in the public school system. This file contains all students the DOE *intends* on paying.

District FTE File: McKay post-payment file which identifies the students *who* were paid for the specified payment period and who will need to be reported to generate FTE funding.

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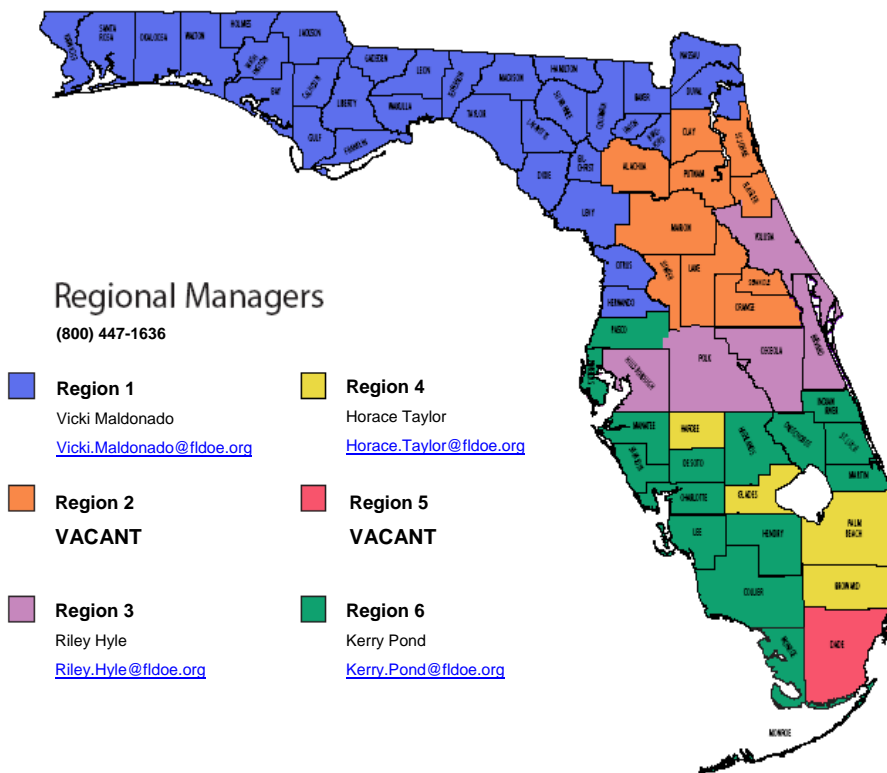
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Regional Managers



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