

### Florida Scholarship Programs District Newsletter

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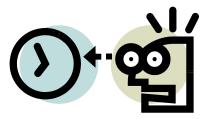
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## District Verification Deadlines 2014-15

District enrollment verification of students to be funded through the McKay Scholarship is an important accountability safeguard built into the program to ensure



funding is appropriately distributed. The chart below displays the verification dates for the 2014-15 school year. For each payment period, the McKay student file will be available to districts via the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) site on the date listed for district review and verification, and must be submitted by the deadline in red. Once payments have been issued, the NWRDC will post the list of paid students.

For questions regarding payments, please contact the School Choice Payment Specialist, David Girtman at David.Girtman@fldoe.org.

# PROGRAM IMPORTANT DEADLINES

2014- 2015	Distr	District FTE File		
Payment	Available	Submission	Final	Available
Period	Date	Deadline	Update	Date

September	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 8 <sup>th</sup>	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>
February	January 5 <sup>th</sup>	January 7 <sup>th</sup>	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
April	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

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

<u>District FTE File</u>: 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.

## Update District Contact Information



Please take a moment to check the contact information for your district on the <u>School Choice website</u>. You may edit or update the information by logging on to the District page. If you need assistance, please contact your regional

manager.

### 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;
- 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.

For information on district responsibilities related to PLSA, please refer to the guidance memo recently issued by the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services. For your convenience, you may access a copy of the memo by logging on to the <a href="School Choice website">School Choice website</a> as a district contact.

### McKay Scholarship Reminders

- Parents must file intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship
  - by **July 3rd** in order to receive the first quarterly payment.
- Participating schools must register and enroll McKay students
  - by **August 2nd** in order to receive the first quarterly payment.
- Districts should ensure that McKay students matriculating from elementary to middle, or from

middle to high school are not automatically re-enrolled in the district.

Questions? Please contact your Regional Manager.