



K-12 Scholarship Programs

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Website Update

Our home page has a new look! The web address now redirects from www.floridaschoolchoice.org to www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/. This is our new home page, so go ahead and bookmark it! Your new login page is located under the [Secured Login](#) section.

More Information

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District Contact Information

Please take a moment to check the contact information for your district on the [School Choice website](#). You may edit or update the information by logging on to the District page. If you need assistance, please contact your regional manager.

Reporting Public McKay Students

The Department of Education collects data related to the school choice options selected by students, including the number of students who transfer to another public school through the McKay Scholarship Program. **Public school McKay participation is reported in the Educational Choice Data Element in the Automated Student Data Base as code M.** Please help us ensure that the number

Clearing McKay EPS Students For Payment

The quarterly McKay Scholarship payments will soon arrive at private schools. These schools will begin to contact you about certain students who did not receive a payment due to being marked as Enrolled In Public School based on your district's response to the McKay Pre-Payment Verification File (F70561).

Once you log into our website, click the link called McKay EPS Student List. On this page you can click "Remove EPS Flag" next to the student's name to clear the EPS designation (or "Restore EPS Flag" if you clear a student by accident). You will only need to submit a District Verification Form to our office if you're trying to clear the EPS flag from a previous pay period.

In addition to removing the EPS flag, please update the student information in your district records if the student has withdrawn from public school. This will ensure the student is not erroneously marked as EPS in the future. If you have questions about the list, please email david.girtman@fldoe.org.

Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program

The Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program (PLSA), established in the 2014 legislative session, may still be unfamiliar to some. District personnel may be involved with the program at several points:

- A. At the parent's request, for a student with a disability who does not have a matrix of services, district personnel must complete a matrix of services within thirty days of receiving the request.
- B. In addition to completing the matrix, districts must notify our office of a student's matrix level by logging in to our website and using the PLSA student list link.
- C. For a PLSA student who chooses to participate in statewide standardized assessments, including the Florida Alternate Assessment, the district must notify the parent of locations and times to take the assessments.

More information on PLSA is available on our website at <http://fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/plsa/>.

Reporting FTE – McKay Students

of students being reported as McKay public school students is accurate. Our office receives multiple requests for this information and greatly appreciates your assistance in providing the highest quality data.

The McKay Scholarship District FTE File will be made available September 2nd, 2015. The file provides each district with a list of students participating in the McKay Scholarship Program that received the September payment. Please review and verify this information, if you have not done so already. These students must be reported as McKay students (3518) to generate the necessary funding unless the student is physically in attendance at a public school. (In this case, the student should be reported as a public school student. If a student has returned to public school, please be sure to withdraw him/her on our website and change his matrix to "Returned to Public School.")

Remember, districts must report McKay students for FTE. Whether or not you report these students, funds will be deducted from your FEFP if an eligible McKay student attends an approved private school and meets the requirements for payment. Even if a student only receives one of the September and November payments, he must still be reported as McKay for survey 2.

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