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McKay Public School Choice

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 there is available space in the selected school and the appropriate program for the student according to his or her IEP or 504 Plan. The same applies for eligible McKay Scholarship students requesting transfer to a public school in an adjacent 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 are available. In the future, if the parent wishes for the student to return to a private school under McKay, the student will need to file a new intent and meet all eligibility requirements including having an IEP or 504 Plan and meeting the prior year attendance requirement.

McKay EPS Students

Last year we introduced the McKay Student EPS List on our website so district users can clear a student who was accidentally marked as Enrolled in Public School as a result of the district's F70561 file. This page is intended to be a replacement for the old process of completing a District Verification Form and faxing it to the McKay office.

Private schools may be unaware that your office has cleared a student's EPS flag and will continue to send District Verification Forms for your signature. When a school submits a DVF for a student you have already cleared, there is no need to complete and send us the form. We designed this page to save everyone some time!

New Regional Manager: Erich Martin

Filling the shoes of the previous regional manager, Patrick Montooth,

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.

More Information

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McKay Intent List

Parents may continue to file intent for the current school year through February 1, so be sure to check your intent list on a regular basis. Our system does a preliminary check on whether or not the student met FTE requirements. Within 30 days of the intent being filed, district staff should notify the Department whether or not the student met FTE requirements, was a public school student when intent was filed, and has an Individual Education Plan or a 504 Plan that is effective for more than 6 months.

Erich Martin will now be helping the schools in the Broward, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, and Palm Beach districts. He has spent most of his life in Tallahassee, the exception being four years in Germany and a short time in Boston. Erich graduated from Florida State University with a degree in English and a minor in Information Technology, and previously held the position of scholarship compliance assistant with the School Choice office.

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