



# 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](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org) to [www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/](http://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.

## 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.

## 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.

## District Verification Deadlines 2015-16

For each payment period below, 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](mailto:David.Girtman@fldoe.org).

2015-2016	District Verification File			District FTE File
Payment Period	Available Date	Submission Deadline	Final Update	Available Date
September	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
November	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	October 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
February	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
April	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>

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

**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.

## PLSA Update

The recent special legislative session resulted in several changes to the Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program (PLSA). Among the

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.

changes are:

- Reducing eligibility age to include 3 and 4 year olds,
- Adding muscular dystrophy and autism spectrum disorder to the list of qualifying disabilities,
- Including part-time tutoring from a qualified provider in the list of approved expenses.

For the 2015-16 school year, funds were appropriated to provide scholarships for approximately 5,300 new and returning students.

Additional information on PLSA, including contact details for eligible Scholarship Funding Organizations, is available at our website [www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/plsa/](http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/plsa/).

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