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McKay District Verification Deadlines

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 2017-18 school year. For each payment period, the McKay Verification 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, Kate Goff at kate.goff@fldoe.org.

2017-2018 Payment Period	Surveys A-D Verification File			Payment File Available Date
	Available Date	Submission Deadline	Final Update	
September	August 3 rd	August 8th	August 10 th	September 1 st
November	October 3 rd	October 5th	October 7 th	November 1 st
February	January 4 th	January 8th	January 10 th	February 1 st
April	March 5 th	March 8th	March 12 th	March 30 th

District Contact Information

Please take a moment to check the contact information for your district on the [School Choice website](#). If you would like to add an additional McKay contact or a new contact for the Gardiner Scholarship Program, 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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Gardiner Scholarship Program

The Gardiner Scholarship Program has been available to students since 2014 and currently has 8,160 students participating. The program is administered by Scholarship Funding Organizations. Eligible students receive funds from their Scholarship Funding Organization deposited into a personal account. Unlike McKay, students are not required to attend a public school prior to participating in Gardiner. Participating families may be enrolled in private schools or home education programs and use the funds for private school tuition, therapies, services, etc.

When logged into our website a Gardiner student list is available in the left menu. This list contains all students residing in your district whose eligibility has been confirmed by a Scholarship Funding Organization. These students may not yet have been funded. If a family requests a matrix review prior to or after being funded, use this list to report the new matrix.

More information on the Gardiner Scholarship Program is available on our website at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/gardiner/>.

Systems (FAMIS) 2017 Conference

The FAMIS 2017 Conference will be held June 27-29 in Daytona, FL. Our presentation, titled Reporting and K-12 Scholarships, will be Wednesday, June 28 at 3:15 in Coquina A&B. It will include an overview of all scholarship programs with an emphasis on McKay student FTE reporting. The presentation will be posted on the District page shortly after the presentation.

Legislative Updates

The 2017 session of the Florida Legislature has concluded. Two of the bills that passed, one of which has become law, will impact the Florida Tax Credit and Gardiner Scholarship Programs. Please watch for updates in future newsletters from our office.

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