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Welcome

Our office would like to extend warm wishes of Happy Holidays to all scholarship schools. Please read over the friendly reminders pertaining to the scholarship programs as we continue with our 2014-2015 school year.



An important note to new participating schools: you are still required to submit documents for 2015-16 compliance by the deadline, even though we may have recently received your information for the 2014-15 school year.

An important note to all Scholarship participating schools: it is NEVER too early to start thinking about compliance; when it comes to compliance, the sooner the better.

Update Contact Information

A new year often brings changes such as new staff or a new location. Incorrect contact information or typos may prevent you from receiving important scholarship program communications. Please log in to the School Choice website and click "View School Info" to ensure your school's **address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address** are up to date. If corrections are necessary, please contact your [regional manager](#) as soon as possible.

Attendance Verification

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Private schools must verify the continued attendance of and regular and direct contact with each McKay scholarship student in order to receive scholarship payment. An Attendance Verification link will appear on your Welcome page, usually the day after the enrollment deadline for the next payment period, and the private school administrator will have approximately one week to complete the process on-line. If the Attendance Verification process is not completed on time, payments will be delayed.

A confirmation page for Attendance Verification appears at the completion of the process. Private schools are advised to **print and retain a copy of the confirmation page.**

Students newly enrolled or transferred to your school after the enrollment deadline will not appear on the Attendance Verification page. In order to potentially receive payment for these students, your private school administrator must submit a [Scholarship Issue Form](#) and an attendance record for each student showing attendance of at least 10 days.

When a scholarship student attends multiple private schools or a private school and the public school in the same payment period, the right to retain the scholarship payment is given to the first private school the student attends for ten (10) or more school days during that payment period, as long as all other requirements are met.

Apply To Administer the FCAT

Pursuant to House Bill 859, passed during the 2012 Legislative Session, any participating scholarship school with at least one Florida Tax Credit student enrolled may have the opportunity to apply and participate in administering FCAT 2.0 and Florida End-of-Course



Assessments to all students at your private school. In late December, the application to participate along with Frequently Asked Questions will be released and links available via your secured log-in. The application window will be January 2-March 1, 2015, with school eligibility determinations finalized in August 2015.

Spotlight on Reyna Alfaro

The Office of K-12 School Choice would like to introduce our newest addition to the regional manager team, Reyna Alfaro. Reyna previously worked in the call center here in the School Choice office and says she will miss “all the wonderful people” there. However, she is excited about facing the new challenges that face her in her new position, and the opportunity and satisfaction of helping others.



Reyna Alfaro
Regional Manager

She was born in El Salvador, but moved to the United States at the age of fifteen. After completing high school in the U.S., Reyna earned a certificate in business administration and a certificate of Fundamentals in Arts. Currently, she is finishing her Associate in Arts degree at Tallahassee Community College. Next Spring, she wishes to continue her higher education, hopefully in Civil Engineering and/or Psychology, at Florida State University.

Aside from her duties at the Department of Education, Reyna enjoys painting, drawing, reading, traveling, skydiving, and learning new

Favorite Quote
“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'”
- Audrey Hepburn

cultures and languages. She volunteers with her church chorus by singing or playing the mandolin. Also, Reyna volunteers at

Tallahassee Community College’s international events.

Announcing: Florida Department of Education Has A New Website Layout!

There are big changes at www.fldoe.org, and we wanted to let you know the new locations for finding information regarding Florida School Choice. Any time we encounter something new or unexpected in our environment, there is a period of adjustment and learning. To help you along this path of discovery, we'd like to point out the three locations where you can find the new [Florida School Choice home page](#) from the Florida Department of Education's homepage.

First, at the top of www.fldoe.org, select "SCHOOLS" from the dropdown menu and the School Choice link is second from the bottom.






The second location can be found by scrolling down the page to the K-12 Public Schools section. School Choice will be the third link in the list.

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Lastly, by scrolling to the bottom of the page and searching the “FAMILIES” category, you will find a link to the School Choice home page second from the bottom of the list.

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Mark Your Calendar



January 2—Date by which new students with a valid intent must be enrolled to receive the February 1st payment.

January 3-9—Attendance Verification week for the third payment period.

January 31—Last day to file an intent to participate for the 2014-15

school year.

February 1—First day for new students to file an intent for the 2015-16 school year.

March 1— Scholarship Compliance Forms due for 2015-16 participation.

March 2—Date by which a new student must be enrolled to receive the fourth quarterly payment.

March 3-10—Attendance Verification week for the final payment period.

May 1—Date by which all Compliance issues must be resolved.

June 1—Date by which requests for missing payments must be submitted.

Questions? Please contact your Regional Manager.
