

OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AND PARENTAL CHOICE

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FLDOE Private School Directory

As a service to the public, the Department maintains a <u>directory of K-12 private schools</u> in Florida based on the information schools submit via the annual survey. As the summer break approaches, it may be a good time to review the information contained in the directory for your school and to submit a corrected survey if appropriate. Keep in mind that for participating private schools, changes to location and director/owner name must be submitted first to your regional manager.

FTC Reporting

If your private school participates in the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program, don't forget to report standardized test scores for students in grades 3-10 by August 15, 2017. Send copies of score sheets with name, testing date, and national percentile ranking to:

Melissa Dyehouse

Learning Systems Institute
Florida State University
Suite 4600 University Center Bldg. C
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2540

Compliance Notes: Educator Misconduct

Participating private schools are required to adopt policies establishing standards of ethical conduct for teachers and administrators, and they are required to post notices that include who to contact at the private school when there is a violation of those standards. Please keep in mind that allegations of misconduct by Florida certified educators should also be reported to the Office of Professional Practices Services using the Educator Misconduct Reporting Form.

McKay Upcoming Deadlines

July 3

Intent filing deadline for the September 1 McKay payment.

August 2

Enrollment deadline for the September 1 McKay payment.

August 15

Date by which FTC standardized testing results must be submitted.

September 2

Intent filing deadline to be eligible for the November 1 McKay payment.

September 15

Date by which requests for use of alternate NRT must be submitted.

More Information

Regional Managers

McKay Calendar

McKay Deadlines

Application & Renewal Instructions

McKay Student Technical Assistance

Compliance Resources

McKay Parent Affidavit

Update Notification Form

Payment Request Deadline

If there is a student for whom you are missing a McKay Scholarship payment, you must submit a Scholarship Issue Form along with all necessary documentation to our office. Please be aware that the final

Educator misconduct may differ from abuse, and includes a broad range of inappropriate behavior. Examples include a teacher or administrator who overtly favors certain students over others, accepting gifts in exchange for passing grades or other special treatment. Other examples are teachers or staff who come to class under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or who use demeaning or derogatory language to students or other staff members.

More information about the Educator Misconduct Reporting Form and its use is available on the <u>Office of Professional Practices</u>
<u>Services website</u>.

McKay School Fee Schedule Reminder

Please remember that a school fee schedule must be submitted prior to re-enrolling any McKay scholarship students. Fee schedules for the 2016-17 school year may be copied over for the 2017-18 school year and fee amounts may be updated when logged in as a private school. The fee schedule link is located at the bottom of the private school welcome page.

Private schools will be able to update school fee item amounts until August 2, 2017. However, any new fee items must be submitted to your Regional Manager to be added to your school's fee schedule.

McKay Re-enrollment for 2017/18

If your private school is compliant for the upcoming year, once a school fee schedule has been submitted, current McKay students may be re-enrolled. Please note:

- If a high school student (grades 9-12) will be repeating a grade, documentation verifying or supporting that decision must be provided to our office.
- If a scholarship student is not returning next year, or if the student is graduating, that student should be withdrawn from your McKay Student List.
- Be careful to enter the correct parent Social Security
 Number (SSN) when registering new students and re enrolling current students. SSN discrepancies may cause a
 delay in payment.
- Re-enrollment includes submitting a student fee schedule and entering a first date of attendance, and must be completed by August 2, 2017, in order for a student to receive a first quarter scholarship payment on September 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Manager.

deadline for the submission of all payment documentation for the 2016-17 school year is June 1, 2017. Requests or documentation submitted after that date cannot be processed.

Resources



The 19th Annual Family Cafe is set for June 16-18, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. The event offers families exposure to a wide range of public and private resources, opportunities to find support by networking with other families, and access to policy-making officials. It features dozens of breakout sessions, a full Exhibit Hall, and a series of Keynotes. There is no registration fee for individuals with disabilities and their family members or caregivers. For more information see their website at familycafe.net or the registration brochure, available in both Spanish and English.



May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, developed as a cross-disciplinary effort to promote awareness of mental and substance use disorders among children and adults. The following sites offer insights for educators:

<u>MentalHealth.gov</u> providing one-stop access to U.S. Government mental health information.

The American Psychological Association website hosting informational videos as well as an interactive panel discussion among children's mental health professionals.

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