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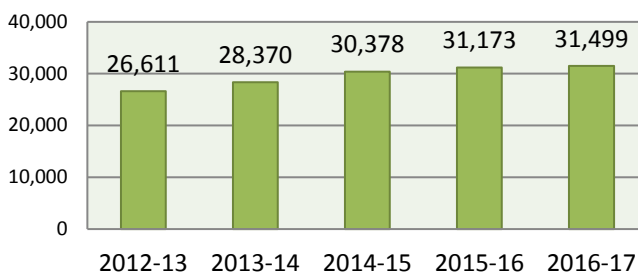
McKay Scholarship Program

The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program allows parents of students with disabilities to choose the best academic environment for their children. This program provides eligible students the opportunity to attend a participating private school or transfer to another public school. Eligible students include students who have been issued an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Accommodation Plan that is effective for more than 6 months. Students must also have been enrolled and reported for funding by a Florida school district the year prior to applying for a scholarship.

Voicing Their Choice

Over the past decade, thousands of parents have chosen the McKay Scholarship Program. During the 2016-17 school year, \$220.2 million was paid to scholarship program participants. The state calculated maximum scholarship amount for IEP students enrolled ranged from \$4,970 to \$24,096, averaging \$8,021. The average amount for students with a 504 Plan was \$4,562.

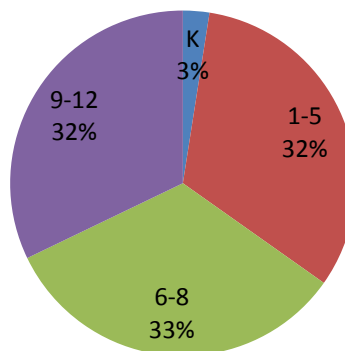
Student Participation in the McKay Scholarship Program



McKay Student Diversity

Subgroup	Percent
White	46%
Black	21%
Hispanic	28%
Other	5%
Male	68%
Female	32%
Total Enrollment	100%
Free/Reduced Lunch	30%

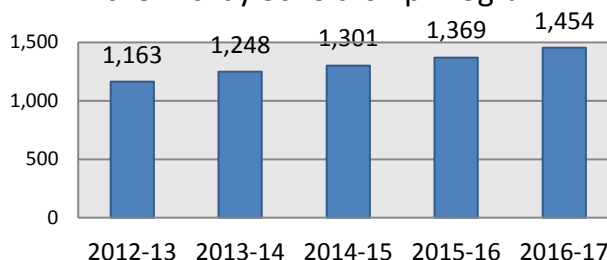
McKay Students by Grade Level



McKay Scholarship Program Continues to Grow

Since 2000-01, student participation in the McKay Scholarship Program has continued to grow. In 2016-17, 31,499 students from 1,454 private schools participated in the program. Private schools participating in McKay must document compliance with eligibility requirements specified in law.

Private School Participation in the McKay Scholarship Program



McKay Scholarship Program Statistics

School Year	Participating Private Schools	Scholarship Student Enrollment	IEP Average Scholarship Amount	504 Average Scholarship Amount	Annual Payment Total
2012-13	1,163	26,611	\$7,019	\$3,977	\$168,890,916
2013-14	1,248	28,370	\$7,278	\$4,146	\$183,968,864
2014-15	1,301	30,378	\$7,681	\$4,430	\$205,800,583
2015-16	1,369	31,173	\$7,944	\$4,557	\$217,200,083
2016-17	1,454	31,499	\$8,021	\$4,562	\$220,258,828

McKay Program Requirements

Statutory and Rule References:	s. 1002.39, F.S.; Rule 6A-6.0970, F.A.C. s. 1002.421, F.S.; Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C.
Student Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public school student counted in the prior school year's October and February FTE surveys, with an IEP or a 504 Plan that is effective for more than 6 months. The student is a foster child or a dependent child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who transfers to Florida due to a parent's permanent change of station orders. Students who received Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program during the previous year.
Application Deadlines	
Deadline for Filing Student Intent:	None. Intent to participate must be filed 60 days prior to the next legislatively set payment date to be eligible for the payment.
Deadline for Private School Eligibility:	New Schools: Determined by the Florida Department of Education. Renewing Schools: March 1st submit a Scholarship Compliance Form; May 1st for all final documentation.
Payment Dates:	September 1 November 1 February 1 April 1

McKay Scholarship Program Public School Option

<p>The McKay public school program provides educational options for parents of students with disabilities in grades K-12 living in Florida. Eligible students may attend a different public school in their own district, or a public school in a neighboring district if space is available.</p> <p>To be eligible, a student must have attended a public school in Florida in October and February of the prior year. Transportation may be provided for eligible students.</p>	School Year	Enrollment
	2012-13	3,213
	2013-14	3,502
	2014-15	3,463
	2015-16	3,924
	2016-17	4,319