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Required notification to parents/guardians of students with disabilities:

Your child may be eligible to participate in the **John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program for the 2020-21 school year.**

To be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must apply for the program prior to withdrawing from public school. The student must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), or 504 Accommodation Plan issued under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (with duration of more than six months), and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a public school for the school year prior to applying for a scholarship (Grades K-12) (foster student may be exempt from the requirement); or
- Have been a prekindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the school year prior to applying for a scholarship; or
- Have received specialized instructional services under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program from an approved provider pursuant to section 1002.66, Florida Statutes, during the previous school year; or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding school year's student membership surveys (Grades K-12).

To find out if your student is eligible, you may apply for the McKay Scholarship Program on the School Choice website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org . Select the McKay Scholarships link, then Parents, and then the link titled Apply for a McKay Scholarship.

To learn more about your child's educational options, please contact the District McKay contact at (352)253-6600. You may also contact the Florida Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Information Hotline at 1-800-447-1636, or visit the School Choice website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org and click the McKay Scholarships link.

In order for a student to be eligible for the program, intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program must be filed on the School Choice website prior to withdrawing from public school. The deadline to apply for the first payment period of the 2020-2021 school year is July 3, 2020.

This is notification to you that your child may be eligible to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program. **This notice does not guarantee your student's eligibility.**