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It's Official! Children Who Have 504 Plans Qualify For The McKay Scholarship!

House Bill 1329 expands the eligibility for John M. McKay Scholarships to students who have been issued a 504 accommodation plan.

Important points:

- The new law becomes effective July 1, 2011. You will not be able to go online and register your intent until July 1, 2011.
- You must register your intent online no later than July 3, 2011. Go to FloridaSchoolChoice.org and click on McKay Scholarships.
- The new law does not apply to students who have been issued a temporary 504 plan with a duration of six months or less.
- Parents may choose to enroll their child in a public school in an adjacent school district which has available space if the school has a program with the services agreed to in the student's IEP/504 Plan. The adjacent school district must accept the student.
- Parents must provide transportation.
- The scholarship amount is supposed to be equal to the Level 1 cost factor of the state funding for the McKay Scholarship for and IEP.

Questions? Call the School Choice office: 1-800-447-1636

Haven't Heard From The McKay Office Yet?

If you've filed your intent with the McKay office, but have not yet received confirmation from them, don't worry. This is the busiest time of the year for them and, although they're supposed to respond within 30 days, I can tell you they're behind. It happens every year at this time. No need to panic - they will get to you. In the meantime, as long as your child was in school since August, and as long as he/she has an IEP in place, you should be fine. You've met your deadline. Your private school still has a couple of months to meet their enrollment deadline. If you haven't heard from the McKay office within the next couple of weeks, give them a call.

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