

Choice & Innovation Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

10:30 AM– 12:00 PM

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Meeting Packet

**Will Weatherford
Speaker**

**Michael Bileca
Chair**



AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Introduction of Members
- IV. Education Committee Handbook
- V. Overview of School Choice Options
- VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment



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K-12 School Choice Options

- **K-12 Scholarship Programs**
(McKay, Florida Tax Credit, Opportunity)
- **Public Charter Schools**
- **Private Schools**
- **Home Education**
- **Virtual Education**
- **VPK**
- **District School Choice Options**

John M. McKay Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to students with disabilities in K-12 to attend a public school other than the one they are assigned or a participating private school

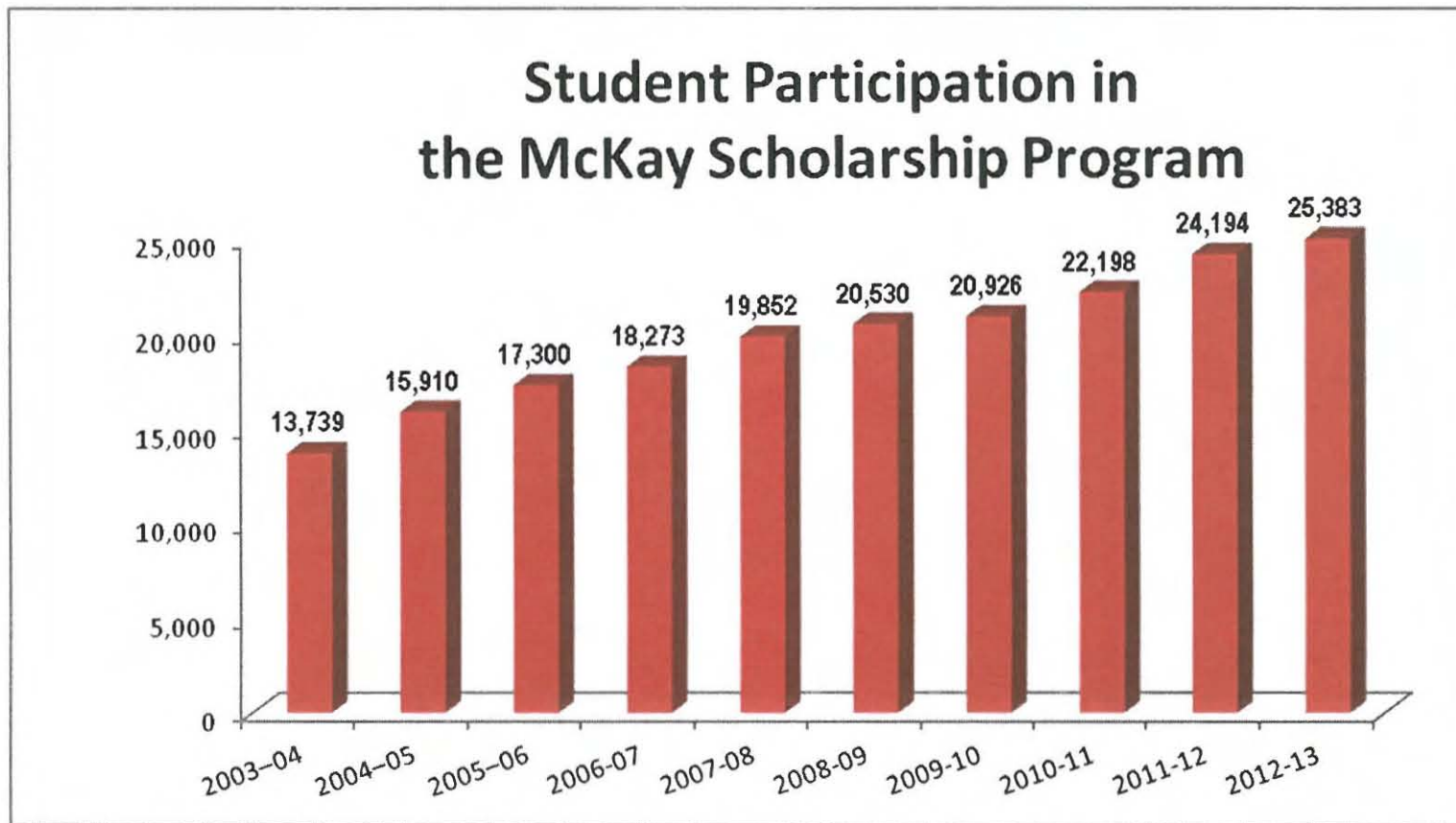


John M. McKay Scholarship Program

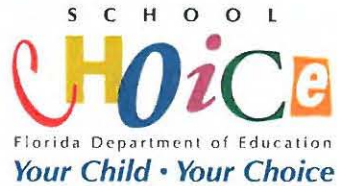
Who is eligible?

- Students who have a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Accommodation Plan that is effective for more than six months
- Students who were enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school the year before applying for a scholarship
- Must apply while still enrolled in public school

John M. McKay Scholarship Program



* 2012-13 data as of 11/30/2012



Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

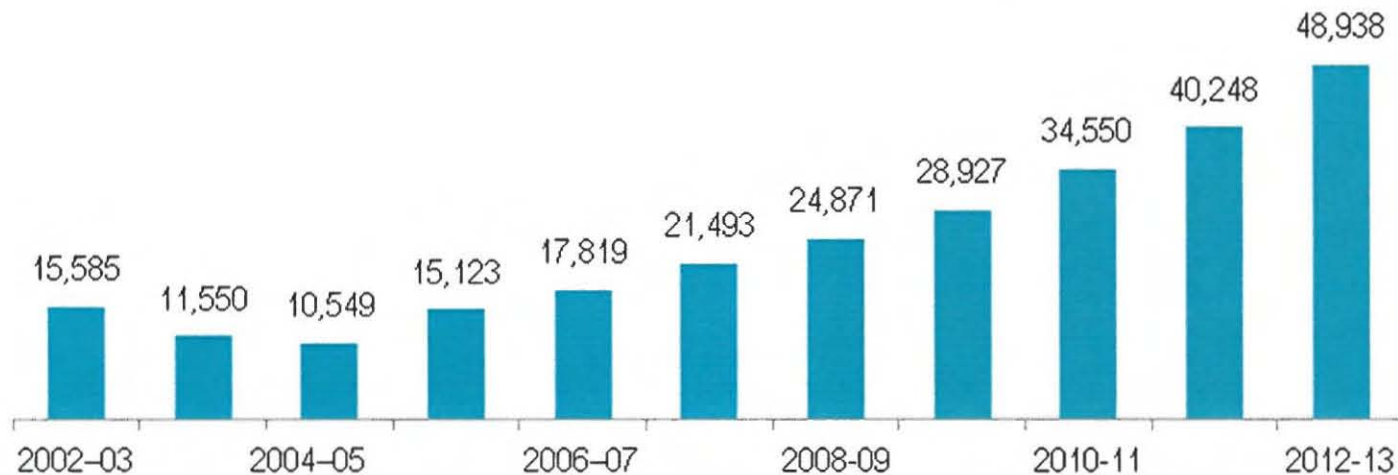
- Provides scholarships to students from low-income families
- Scholarships can be used to move to another public school or attend an approved private school
- Scholarships to private schools are approximately \$4,335 for the 2012-13 school year
- Total scholarship funding available for 2012-13 is \$229 million

Who is eligible?

- Students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch, and
 - students entering kindergarten through 5th grade without prior enrollment in a public school
 - students entering grades 6-12 who have been reported for funding in the year prior to applying for the scholarship program
 - students who are foster children

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

Student Participation in Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program



* 2012-13 data as of September 2012 FTC Quarterly Report



Opportunity Scholarship Program

Eligible School Criteria:

School grade of “F” or three consecutive “Ds” as based on the statewide assessments conducted pursuant to s. 1008.22, F.S.

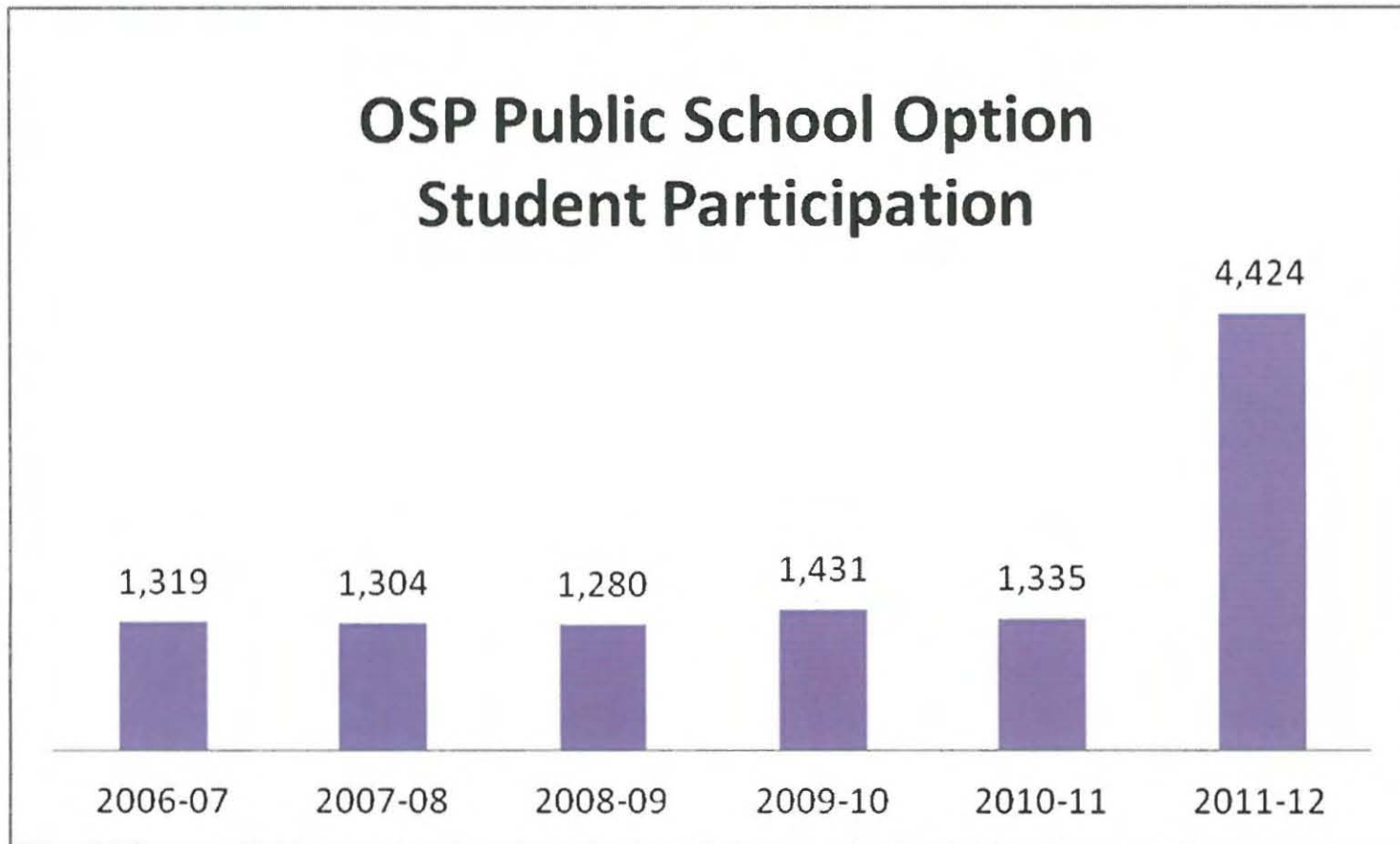
Eligible Student Criteria:

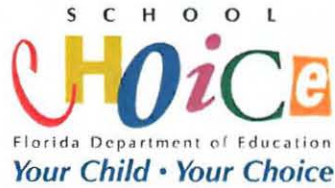
Those students assigned to or in attendance during the previous school year (by way of assignment) at an Opportunity Scholarship Program eligible school

District Obligations

- Offer the option to enroll in a higher performing public school* in district **with** transportation or in any other district in the state **without** transportation
 - * higher performing is “C” or better based on performance grade
- Eligible *elementary and middle school* students provided transfer option immediately following release of school grades in June/July
- Eligible *high school students* provided transfer option the following school year

Opportunity Scholarship Program





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Notice requirements for the Opportunity Scholarship Program can be found in Rule 6A-6.0950, F.A.C.

Public Charter Schools

Independent public schools that are exempt from many K-12 regulations and can provide:

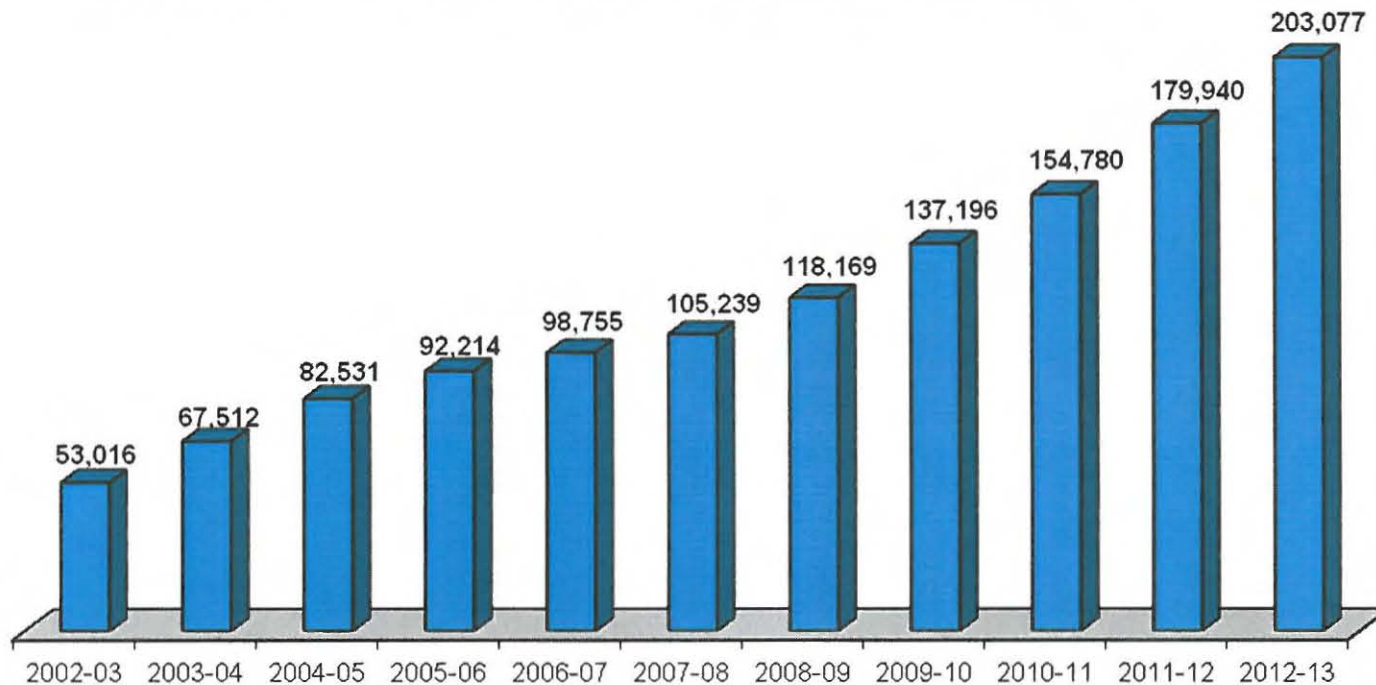
- theme-based education
- additional opportunities for parent involvement
- alternative curriculum



Public Charter Schools

- Must be approved by the local school board
- If approved, must sign a performance-based contract with local school board
- Must employ certified teachers
- Curriculum must align with state standards
- Students take the FCAT and school is graded

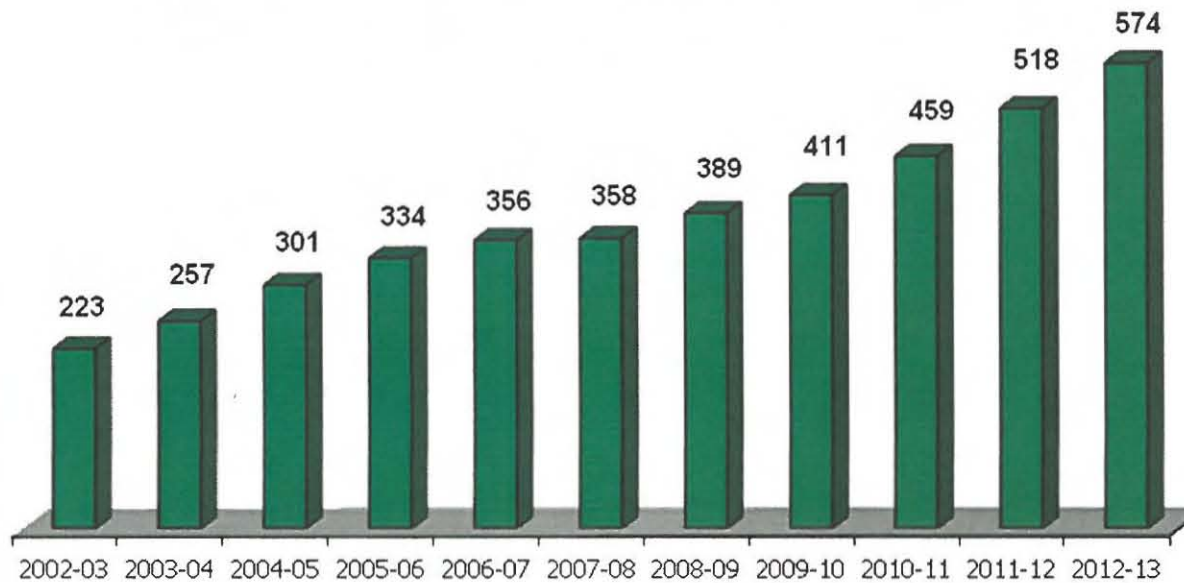
Florida's Charter School K-12 Enrollment



* 2012-13 membership based on Survey 2 preliminary data as of 11/25/2012

Public Charter Schools

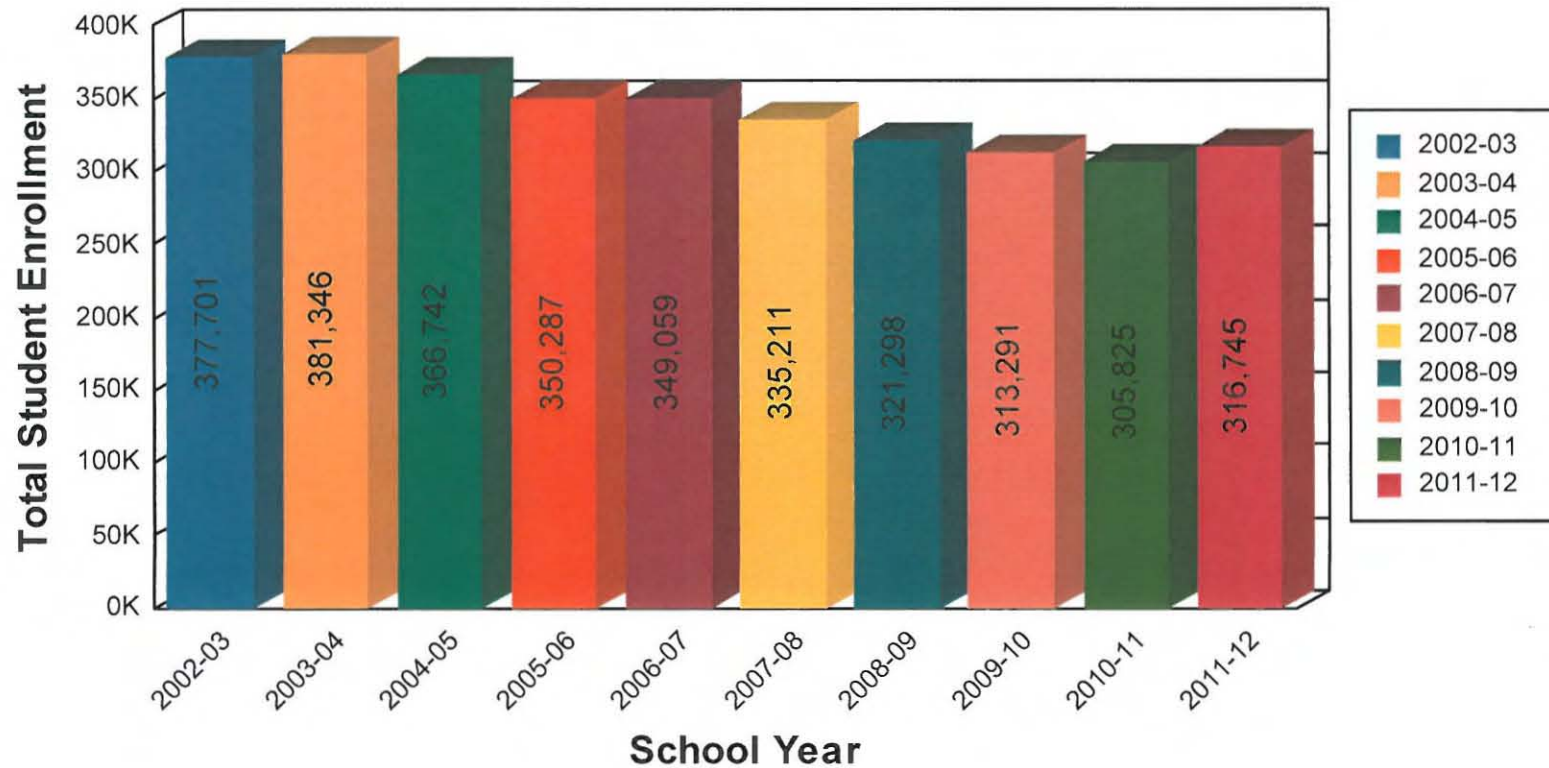
Number of Charter Schools by School Year



* 2012-13 data reflects operating schools as of 11/29/2012

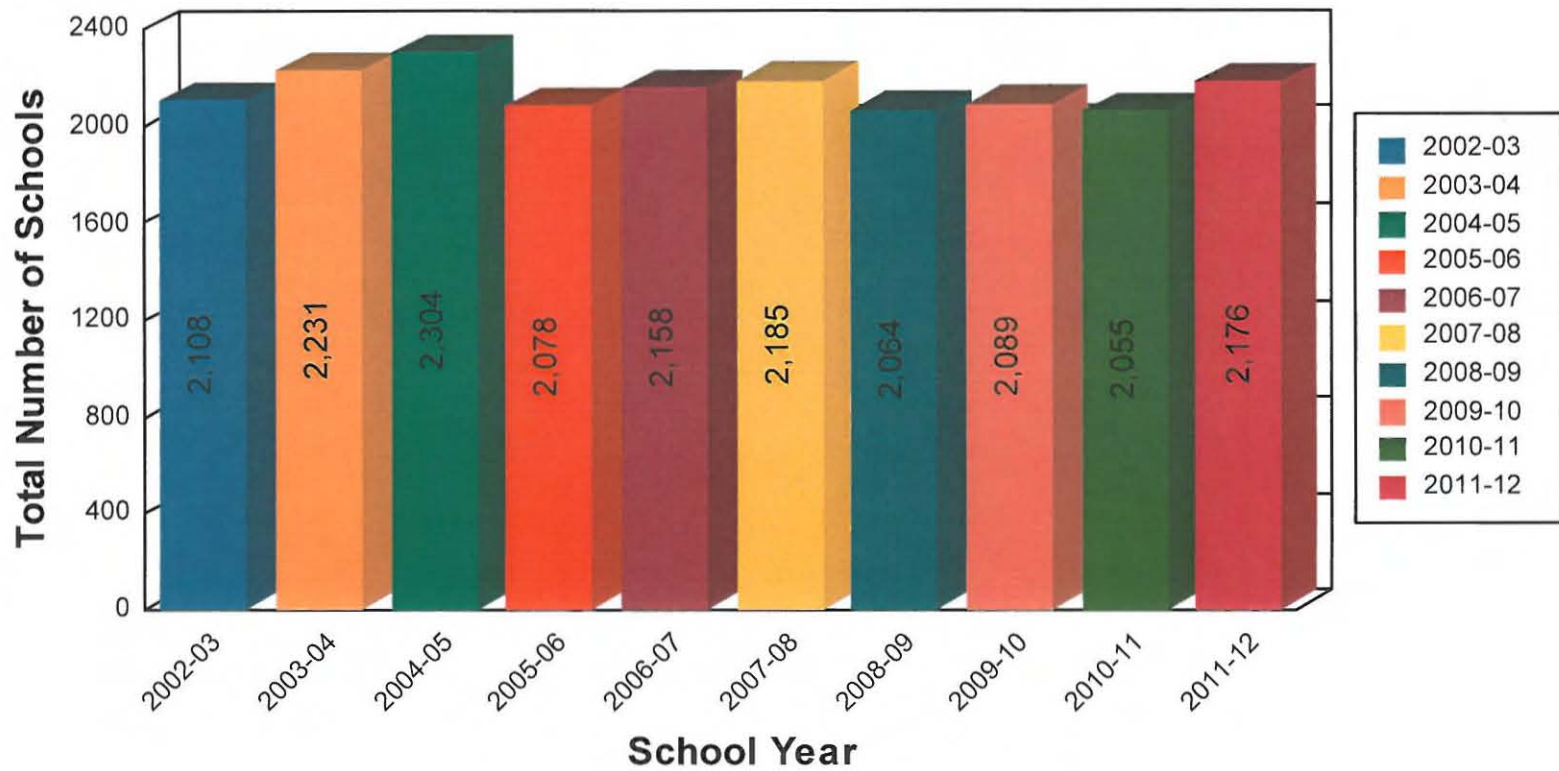
Private Schools

Private School Student Enrollment 2002-2012



Private Schools

Number of Private Schools 2002-2012

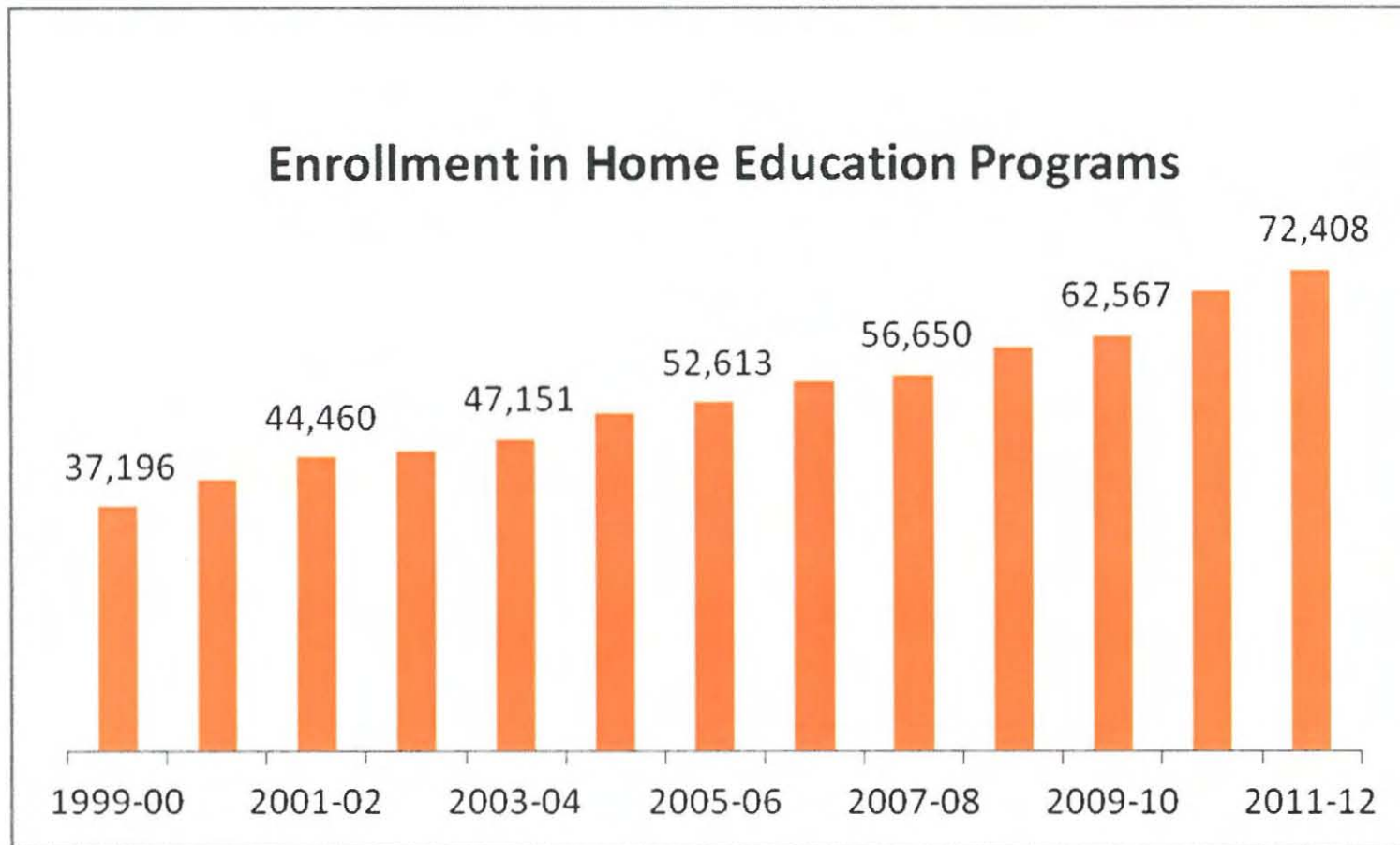


Home Education

- A parent-directed educational choice that allows the opportunity to explore and learn at the pace of the individual student
- Parents register each child in a home education program with their local school district
- No standard curriculum or attendance requirement for students
- A portfolio of records and materials showing student work must be maintained



Home Education





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Where do I go for more information?

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NCLB Public School Choice

Public School Choice (PSC)

- The PSC component of NCLB required districts to allow students attending schools in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring to transfer to higher performing public schools
- The ESEA flexibility waiver removed the PSC requirement
- However, LEAs are required to allow students who participated in PSC in 2011-2012 to remain in the choice school to the highest grade level. Additionally, LEAs must notify parents of the option to allow the student to remain in the choice school

NCLB Public School Choice

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

- NCLB required districts to offer Supplemental Educational Services (usually in the form of tutoring services delivered through private providers) to eligible students attending schools in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring
- The ESEA flexibility waiver removed the requirement that a portion of Title I funds be used for SES
- However, FLDOE's waiver application requires school districts to continue to provide SES
- The 2012 Legislature passed House Bill 7127 which, in part, codified the waiver application

NCLB Public School Choice

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

- The law requires the following for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Each school district must use an amount **equivalent to 15 percent of the Title I, Part A funds allocated to Title I schools** to meet the requirements for SES
 - SES shall be provided to students who are performing at Level 1 or Level 2 on the FCAT and enrolled in a Title I school
 - School districts must contract with SES providers that have been approved by the Department

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

A Constitutional Amendment passed in November 2002 established the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

In 2004, the Florida legislature established the VPK Education program as a voluntary, free prekindergarten program to be offered to eligible four-year old children in the year before admission to kindergarten. The VPK Education program began in the fall of 2005.

Child Eligibility

- To be eligible for VPK, a child must be a Florida resident and attain four years of age on or before September 1 of the VPK program year.

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

Parental Choice and Enrollment

- Parents choose a 540-hour school year or 300-hour summer VPK program offered by either a public school or private prekindergarten provider or the Specialized Instructional Services Program for children with a disability
- Parents may enroll their child in the VPK program by submitting an application to an Early Learning Coalition (ELC). Parents are provided a certificate of eligibility to take to the provider of their choice. Providers may include a:
 - Licensed child care facility;
 - Licensed family day care home;
 - Licensed large family child care home;
 - Nonpublic school exempt from licensure;
 - Faith-based child care provider exempt from licensure or
 - School District
- 85% of the VPK Education programs are housed in private child care centers and 15% of programs are located in the public schools

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

Agency Responsibilities

- Florida's Office of Early Learning (Florida's OEL), Florida Department of Education (DOE), and Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) each play a role in the state-level oversight of the VPK program

DOE oversees accountability requirements which include approval and oversight of:

- the VPK director credential and emergent literacy course
- the kindergarten readiness screening process and calculation and reporting of the VPK readiness rates
- performance standards used in VPK
- curricula for use by public school or private prekindergarten providers on probation
- the good cause exemptions for providers on probation
- specialized instructional service providers
- VPK pre- and post-assessment

Florida's Public Virtual Education Options 2012-13

| <u>Virtual Program/School</u> | <u>School Numbers</u> | <u>Program Type</u> | <u>Grade Levels Served</u> | <u>Student Eligibility</u> |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <u>State Level</u> | | | | |
| Florida Virtual School Part Time (FLVS PT) | Grades K-5 (0700) Grades 6-8 (0500) Grades 9-12 (0600) | Part Time | Grades K-1 and 6-12 Grades 2-5 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |
| Florida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS FT) | Grades K-8 (0300) Grades 9-12 (0400) | Full Time | Grades K-12 | All Students |
| <u>District Level</u> | | | | |
| District Virtual Instruction Program (VIP) | Provider Operated (7001) | Full Time | Grades K-5 Grades 6-12 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |
| | District Operated (7023) | Limited Part Time | Grades K-1 Grades 2-12 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |
| District Franchise of FLVS | 7004 | Same as FLVS PT | Same as FLVS PT | Same as FLVS PT |
| District Virtual Course Offerings | 7006 | Part Time | Grades K-1 Grades 2-12 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |
| | | Full Time | Grades K-5 Grades 6-12 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |
| Virtual Charter School | Individually Assigned on MSID | Full Time | Grades K-5 Grades 6-12 | All Students Eligibility per s. 1002.455 |

Public Virtual Education Options

Student Eligibility

A student is eligible to participate in a virtual program if he or she:

- was enrolled in a Florida public school and reported for funding in the prior school year
- is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who was transferred to Florida within the last 12 months
- was enrolled during the prior school year in a district or state-level virtual program
- is a sibling of a currently-enrolled virtual program student who was enrolled in that program at the end of the prior school year
- is eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade
- is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5 and is enrolling in a full-time district or state virtual program

Public Virtual Education Options

Where do I go for more information?

<http://www.fl DOE.org/Schools/virtual-schools/>

Contact FLDOE Virtual Education at
virtualeducation@fldoe.org