



Florida Choice Scholarships

PEP PURCHASING GUIDE



SUMMARY OF CHANGES
for the 2025-26 Academic Year

INTRODUCTION

Note that the revisions are based on survey results and parent/provider input.

GENERAL PURCHASING PROVISIONS

Clarified:

- Age-appropriate items must meet minimum age requirements.
- If a single-user subscription is available, the multi-user item purchase will be prorated to cover only the student's portion of the cost
- Except for credentialed providers whose services may be delivered virtually (e.g., tutors, Choice Navigators), services must be delivered in the State of Florida, including for active-duty military families living outside the state.

Removed:

- Requirement for a pre-authorization for multiples of a single item.
- The Educational Benefit Form requirement, as the Pre-Authorization Form already includes a request for clarification about the educational benefit of the item(s).

Shipping Guidelines

Clarified:

- All purchases made through MyScholarShop must be shipped to the Florida mailing address listed on the student's scholarship account
- Purchases submitted for reimbursement can be shipped to either a Florida address or a Florida P.O. Box.
- Students of active-duty members of the United States armed forces whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida are exempt from this and may have items shipped outside of Florida for reimbursements but not for MyScholarShop.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

At-Home Classroom Furnishings

Added:

- CD/DVD/music players
- Sensory Materials
 - Balance Ball
 - Manipulatives and Hands-on Materials
 - Sensory bundles (e.g. travel sensory kit/calming weighted bundle)
 - Sensory lighting (e.g. lava lamps/bubble tubes)
 - Sensory manipulatives (e.g. fidgets/boink toys)
 - Sensory swing
 - Sensory table
 - Specialized furniture/comfort chairs (e.g. beanbag chairs/Nugget couches)

Digital Materials

Clarified:

- If a single user subscription is available, the multi-user item purchase will be prorated to cover only the student's portion of the cost

Educational Software and Subscriptions

Added:

- Graphics and photo editing software

Elective

Added:

- Cooking lessons and supplies
- Drama lessons
- Photography/Videography equipment and supplies
- Programming/digital production supplies
- Drones
- Prohibited: Supplies that are considered general household expenses or improvement (e.g., irrigation systems, large appliances, chicken coops, and permanent greenhouses)

Physical Education (P.E.)

Added:

- Sports supplies such as balls and racquets
- Sports uniforms, including all required accessories
- Safety equipment

Clarified:

- PE Equipment was defined to include home playset/swing set; two or three-wheeled bicycles; exercise equipment such as a stationary bike, walking pad, weight bench; sports tables like a ping pong table; and a kayak, canoe, surfboard, boogie board, skim board, and stand-up paddleboard.
- Sports equipment was defined to include basketball goals.

Removed:

- Pool tables from the prohibited items list

Stand-Alone Online Class

- This section was removed as all online courses are covered in Curriculum and Approved Online Providers

Field Trips and Other Activities Needed to Enhance Curriculum

Added:

- Family memberships with reimbursement prorated to cover only the student's cost
- State/National Park admission
- The following theme parks:
 - Dinosaur World
 - Epic Universe
 - Gatorland

School Supplies

Added:

- Adhesives
- Bento boxes are included as lunch boxes
- Scissors
- Prescription eyeglasses

Prohibited Items

Added:

- Supplies that are considered general household expenses or improvements, including chicken coops, irrigation systems, large appliances, and permanent greenhouses

Clarified:

- Laptop computers and web-centric laptop computers include Chromebook or Surface are to be in the same category

Removed:

- Pool tables

Appendix C

Replaced:

- Appendix C Items and Services requiring submission of an educational benefit form with out-of-state items requiring pre-authorization

Appendix D

Added:

- Authorized Use of Scholarships Funds Chart