

Florida Choice Scholarships

# PRIVATE SCHOOL PURCHASING GUIDE

(FES-EO & FTC)



**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.

### 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).

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

### 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

### Elective

#### Added:

- 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)

## 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:

- CD/DVD/music players

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### Added:

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

## Educational Software and Subscriptions

### Added:

- Graphics and photo editing software

## 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)

## Stand-Alone Online Class

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

# TUITION AND FEES

## Eligible Fees

### Added:

- An example for what “fiscal year preceding the academic year” means for application fee and registration fee. This means the fees that you may pay in February (or spring) prior to the August enrollment.

## Standardized Testing Fees

- Renamed to TESTING AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

## Appendix A – Summary of Prohibited or Ineligible Items

### Added:

- Live mature or ornamental plants in containers that exceed one gallon.

### Removed:

- Family memberships to gyms, YMCAs, libraries, museums or other facilities
- Family or multi-user subscriptions
- Hearing aids
- Pool tables

## Appendix B – Items Requiring Pre-Authorization

### Removed:

- Multiples of a single At-Home Classroom Furnishings item that exceeds \$50
- Multiples of a single digital periphery device that exceeds \$50
- Multiples of a single elective item that exceeds \$50

## Appendix C – Items and Services Requiring Educational

- Benefit Form Replaced with Out-of-State Items Requiring Pre-Authorization
- This Appendix was removed as the Pre-Authorization Request Form already requires a statement identifying the educational benefit of the requested item.
- Replaced with list of items and information for military families, out-of-state activities and providers, internet resources, and purchase location