

Eligible Private School and Its Tuition & Fees

External Guide



Definition

An “eligible private school” is defined in s. [1002.01](#), which is located in the state of Florida, which offers an education to students in any grade from kindergarten to grade 12, and which meets the requirements of:

- Sections [1002.42](#) and [1002.421](#); and
- A scholarship program under s. [1002.395](#) (Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program), as applicable, if the private school participates in a scholarship program under s. [1002.395](#).

Note: Private schools who are interested in serving students in the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) program must be registered with the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and must have completed the Department’s requirements for participation in FES-UA.

Required Service Catalog documentation

- Tuition and fee schedule for the current school year.
 - Any “other” fees will require a description of what those fees include.

Eligible programs: FES-UA

An approved private school is:

A school that meets state eligibility criteria and elects to participate in the FES program through the FLDOE. **Note:** Not all private schools are eligible to participate.

- A list of schools eligible to serve scholarship students is found at the Florida Private Schools Directory. <https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/privateschooldirectory/>

Note: Choose *Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)*.

Important: This list is updated periodically and may not be 100% accurate. Please reach out to the Department of Education if your school is not displayed.

Approved tuition & fees definition:

The agreed upon amount of tuition & fees for each student is a contractual agreement between the guardian and their eligible private school.

Note: We recommend that guardians have communicated with their preferred private school about what is required prior to enrolling their student.

Approved tuition & fees include:

Tuition and fees required for enrollment at an eligible private school are covered by FES-UA.

Eligible Fees:

- Application Fees (payable in the Fiscal Year preceding the academic year)
- Registration Fees (payable in the Fiscal Year preceding the academic year)
- Uniform Fees (basic uniform pieces purchased from a school-required vendor; shoes and accessories are not eligible).
- Book Fees
- Technology fees
- Test fees
- Athletics and club fees
- Graduation fees

Prohibited Fees:

- Fundraising fees/donation fees/volunteer waiver fees
- Annual funds
- Giving funds
- Therapies or services as fees (Credentialed Services including tutoring and therapies should be billed in their categories)
- Costs associated with scholarship management (including service fees)
- Optional fees

Note: Field Trip Fees at an Eligible Private School are reimbursable to the guardian under the Instructional Materials – Field Trip expense category.