



Personalized Education Program (PEP)

PEP Hybrid Eligible Private School FAQs for Parents/Guardians

What is a PEP Hybrid eligible private school?

- A PEP Hybrid eligible private school is a private school that provides PEP students with the option for regular in-person attendance at the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) approved school location at least two days per week. These schools are registered private schools with the FLDOE and have been approved by the FLDOE to offer hybrid learning to PEP students.

Which scholarship programs allow PEP Hybrid schools as a covered expense? Can non-PEP students use their scholarship for hybrid learning?

- Approved PEP Hybrid schools are only permitted to offer hybrid learning to PEP students. For the 2024-25 school year, full-time enrollment in a hybrid model private school is not an authorized use of funds through the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA), Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC), and Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) programs. However, FES-UA funds may be used to cover part-time enrollment or a la carte classes at an eligible private school, including those eligible for PEP students. Please note: that private schools may still charge part-time tuition to PEP and FES-UA students regardless of whether the school is listed as a PEP Hybrid school.

How can PEP parents/guardians know which PEP Hybrid schools are approved?

- Parents/guardians can find the list of approved PEP Hybrid schools on the FLDOE website: <https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/privateschooldirectory/>

How do PEP parents/guardians enroll in a PEP Hybrid school?

- Parents/guardians should not enroll their students in PEP Hybrid schools through EMA. PEP parents/guardians may use the EMA Marketplace to allow the PEP Hybrid school to receive payment directly from their student's scholarship account ("direct pay") once it is available or to seek reimbursement after paying for the service out-of-pocket. Please note: The student's Award ID may be used to validate the student's PEP status but is not necessary for either "direct pay" or reimbursement.
- PEP scholarship parents/guardians must explain how their student(s) educational time will be spent outside of the hours they are in school through their Student Learning Plan (SLP) in EMA.

How do PEP parents/guardians utilize their scholarship funds for PEP Hybrid schools?

- PEP parents/guardians may use the EMA Marketplace to allow the PEP Hybrid school to receive payment directly from their student's scholarship account ("direct pay") once it is available. The parent/guardian may also choose to pay for this service out-of-pocket and then submit a request for reimbursement.

What is the difference between tuition for a PEP Hybrid school and part-time private school tuition?

- A PEP Hybrid school is simply a legal distinction allowing PEP students to meet the state's school attendance requirements without having to be a full-time private school student.
- Part-time instruction does not have yearly, weekly, monthly, or daily attendance requirements. FES-UA and PEP students paying for part-time tuition at a school must meet the state's attendance requirements by other means.