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About voucher programs

The state has three main programs that allow students to attend private or religious schools with taxpayer dollars.

McKay Scholarships:

Students with disabilities are eligible to receive a McKay voucher after being in public school for a year. McKay vouchers can be worth more than \$20,000, depending on the severity of the student's disability. About 15,500 students are using McKay vouchers to attend private



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schools.

Opportunity Scholarship:

Students in public schools that receive an F grade twice in four years are eligible for this voucher to attend a private or religious school. Part of Gov. Jeb Bush's A-Plus plan for education, Opportunity Scholarships are being challenged in court because of their use of tax dollars at religious schools. About 720 students are using Opportunity Scholarships.

Corporate Tax Credit

Scholarship: Students poor enough to receive free or reduced-price lunches are eligible for these vouchers, worth \$3,500 each. Private companies can donate up to a total of \$88 million to the program and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. The vouchers are awarded through private Scholarship Funding Organizations that collect the donations and issue the vouchers to students. About 10,420 students are using tax credit vouchers.

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- 9-20: Study finds state could lose money on virtual schools
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