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[DRAFTING NOTE: This version of The Hope Scholarship policy incorporates FLDOE's interpretation of F.S. 1002.40 as outlined in its March 1, 2019 memorandum.]

2371V2 - HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students subjected to an incident of violence or bullying at school have the opportunity to seek a transfer to another District school with capacity or request a scholarship to attend an eligible private school.

Eligibility

Contingent upon availability, and on a first-come, first-served basis, a student in grade K-12 is eligible for a Hope Scholarship if the student was subjected to, and subsequently reported to the Principal, any of the following incidents (as set forth in F.S. 1002.40(3)) at school, on a school bus, at a school bus stop, at a school-related/sponsored program or activity, or at any other school location:

- A. battery;
- B. harassment (see Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Harassment);
- C. hazing (see Policy 5516 - Student Hazing);
- D. bullying (see Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Harassment);
- E. kidnapping;
- F. physical attack;
- G. robbery;
- H. sexual offenses (including harassment, assault, or battery) (see Policy 5517.02 - Sexual Violence);
- I. threat or intimidation; or
- J. fighting.

Investigation and Parental Notification of Hope Scholarship Program

Upon receipt of a report from a student of any of the incidents set forth herein, the Principal shall provide a copy of the report to the parent of the student and investigate the incident within fifteen (15) days to determine if the incident must be reported to the Florida Department of Education's (FLDOE) Automated Student Information System.

Within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the report, the Principal shall provide a copy of the report to the parent of the alleged offender and to the superintendent.

Upon conclusion of the investigation or within fifteen (15) days after the incident was reported, whichever occurs first, the District shall notify the parent of the existence of the Hope Scholarship Program using the Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1) developed by the FLDOE and offer the parent an opportunity to enroll the student in another public school that has capacity or to request and receive, contingent upon available funds, and on a first-come, first-served basis, a scholarship to attend an eligible private school, subject to available funding.

Parent Notification of Withdrawal to Eligible Private School

Parents who elect to attend an eligible private school through the Hope Scholarship Program must inform the District at the time of withdrawal.

Statewide Assessments

The District will notify any student who resides in the District and receives a Hope Scholarship, and his/her parent, about the locations and times to take all Statewide assessments. Parents shall be responsible for transporting the student to the assessment site.

Term of Hope Scholarship

A Hope Scholarship shall remain in force until the student graduates from high school.

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Legal	F.S. 1002.40 F.A.C. 6A-6.0951
Cross References	po5516 - STUDENT HAZING po5517.01 - BULLYING AND HARASSMENT po5517.02 - SEXUAL VIOLENCE