

6A-6.0951 The Hope Scholarship Program.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Parent notification requirements.

(a) Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1002.40(6), F.S., a school district must timely notify a parent of the Hope Scholarship program and provide the parent a completed Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1), available on the Department's website, www.floridaschoolchoice.org. Form IEPC-HS1 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13799-12106>) is hereby incorporated by reference, effective November 2021 ~~August 2020~~.

(b) A school district must include the reported incident type, location and time/date of reported incident on Form IEPC-HS1.

(c) Regardless of whether substantiated or not, the types of incidents that qualify a kindergarten through grade 12 public school student for a Hope Scholarship are aggravated battery, harassment, hazing, bullying, kidnapping, physical attack, robbery, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual harassment, sexual offenses-other, threat or intimidation and fighting, as defined in Rule 6A-1.0017, School Environmental Safety Incident (SESIR) and COVID-19 harassment. COVID-19 harassment means any threatening, discriminatory, insulting, or dehumanizing verbal, written or physical conduct an individual student suffers in relation to, or as a result of, school district protocols for COVID-19, including masking requirements, the separation or isolation of students, or COVID-19 testing requirements, that have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits. Eligibility under COVID-19 harassment will extend through the 2021-22 school year.

(4) through (9) No change.

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