



SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
School Board Policy Executive Summary
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Policy Number:	2371
Title of Policy:	Hope Scholarship
Cabinet Member:	Christine Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Purpose of Revisions:	The purpose of the proposed revisions to the policy is to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, Florida State Board of Education Rules, Board policies, administrative rules, procedures, and guidelines. In addition, the proposed revisions promote transparency and accountability.
Tentative Schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet – 12/16/19 • Work Session – 1/14/20 • Rule Development Workshop – 1/28/20 • School Board Meeting Information – 1/28/20 • School Board Meeting Approval – 2/11/20 • Effective Date – upon approval
Summary of Proposed Policy Revisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy is being developed in compliance with applicable Florida law. • This law provides that students in public schools are eligible to apply for a Hope Scholarship if they are subjected to an “incident” as that term is defined in F.S. 1002.40(3). The policy outlines provisions related to eligibility, required investigations, parental notification, statewide assessments, and the terms of a Hope Scholarship. • This new policy outlines that students are eligible for a Hope Scholarship <i>if it is established that the student was subjected to</i> and subsequently reported an “incident”. • These proposed revisions encompass the suggested language from NEOLA.
Specific Authority:	1002.40, F.S.; 6A-6.0951, F.A.C.
Next Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to internal procedures • Training for BPS employees regarding revisions to policy and revised procedures

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for BPS**

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2371 - 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, a student in grade K-12 is eligible for a Hope Scholarship if it is established that 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 and a finding that the student was subjected to any of the incidents set forth herein, 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.

In the event an investigation is not concluded within fifteen (15) days, 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.

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 References

F.S. 1002.40

F.A.C. 6A-6.0951

Cross References

 po5516 - STUDENT HAZING

 po5517.01 - BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

 po5517.02 - SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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2371 - HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

A. Hope Scholarship Generally.

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.

B. Eligibility.

Contingent upon availability, a student in grade K-12 is eligible for a Hope Scholarship if it is established that the student was subjected to, and subsequently reported to the principal or designee, 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:

1. battery;
2. harassment (see Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Harassment);
3. hazing (see Policy 5516 - Student Hazing);
4. bullying (see Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Harassment);
5. kidnapping;
6. physical attack;
7. robbery;
8. sexual offenses (including harassment, assault, or battery) (see Policy 5517 - Anti-Harassment, Compliance Officers, Complaint and Investigation Procedures);
9. threat or intimidation; or
10. fighting.

C. Investigation and Parent/Legal Guardian Notification of Hope Scholarship Program.

1. Upon receipt of a report from a student of any of the incidents set forth herein, the principal or designee shall provide a copy of the report to the parent/legal guardian 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.
2. Within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the report, the principal or designee shall provide a copy of the report to the parent/legal guardian of the alleged offender and to the superintendent or designee.
3. Upon conclusion of the investigation into any of the incidents set forth herein, the District shall notify the parent/legal guardian of the existence of the Hope Scholarship Program using the Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1) developed by the FLDOE.
4. In the event an investigation is not concluded within fifteen (15) days, the District shall notify the parent/legal guardian of the existence of the Hope Scholarship Program using the Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1) developed by the FLDOE.

D. Parent/Legal Guardian Notification of Withdrawal to Eligible Private School.

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

E. Statewide Assessments.

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

F. Term of Hope Scholarship.

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

Adopted _____

F.S. 1002.40
F.A.C. 6A-6.0951

Cross References

po5516 - STUDENT HAZING

po5517 – ANTI-HARASSMENT, COMPLIANCE OFFICERS, COMPLAINT AND INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

po5517.01 - BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

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