

NC Personal Education Savings Account Program 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee October 15, 2021

The North Carolina Personal Education Savings Account Program, established by <u>G.S. § 115C-590 et. seq.</u>, provides scholarships for parents to pay educational expenses for children with disabilities who attend school in an eligible nonpublic setting. The maximum annual scholarship for the 2020-21 school year was \$9,000 (\$2,250 maximum per quarter per student). The data reported is as of June 30, 2021.

The statute also requires the Authority to report the following information to the Committee.

Total Amount of Scholarship Funding Awarded. Total deposits to parents:

\$2,936,250

Total Number of Grade Level, Race, Ethnicity, and Sex of Eligible Students Receiving Scholarship Funds. The following tables summarize the age, grade, gender, and race/ethnicity of the scholarship recipients:

| Age as of 9/1/2020 | Recipients | | |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
| 5 | 4 | | |
| 6 | 8 | | |
| 7 | 22 | | |
| 8 | 23 | | |
| 9 | 38 | | |
| 10 | 33 | | |
| 11 | 32 | | |
| 12 | 30 | | |
| 13 | 28 | | |
| 14 | 30 | | |
| 15 | 30 | | |
| 16 | 25 | | |
| 17 | 18 | | |
| 18 | 9 | | |
| 19 | 1 | | |
| 20 | 0 | | |
| 21 | 1 | | |
| Total | 332 | | |

| Grade Level | Recipients |
|----------------|------------|
| Kindergarten | 6 |
| First Grade | 10 |
| Second Grade | 31 |
| Third Grade | 33 |
| Fourth Grade | 35 |
| Fifth Grade | 30 |
| Sixth Grade | 30 |
| Seventh Grade | 27 |
| Eighth Grade | 34 |
| Ninth Grade | 34 |
| Tenth Grade | 22 |
| Eleventh Grade | 27 |
| Twelfth Grade | 13 |
| Total | 332 |

| Gender | Recipients |
|--------|------------|
| Female | 91 |
| Male | 241 |
| Total | 332 |

| Ethnicity | Recipients | Percentage |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Hispanic | 29 | 9% |
| Not Hispanic | 250 | 75% |
| Chose not to answer or N/A | 53 | 16% |
| Total | 332 | 100% |

| Race | Recipients | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 | 1% |
| Asian | 13 | 4% |
| Black or African American | 53 | 16% |
| Two or More Races | 29 | 9% |
| White | 234 | 70% |
| Chose not to answer | 1 | 0.3% |
| Total | 332 | 100% |

Number of Students Previously Enrolled in Public Schools in the Prior Semester by LEA

The Local Education Agency school district that the student is eligible to attend is listed below, as reported by the parent applicant. A student need only be eligible to attend a North Carolina public school in order to be eligible for the Program. Prior public school attendance is not an eligibility requirement for the Program.

| Local Education Agency | Recipients |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Alamance-Burlington School System | 2 |
| Buncombe County Schools System | 2 |
| Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools | 4 |
| Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools | 8 |
| Cumberland County Schools | 9 |
| Davidson County Schools | 2 |
| Davie County Schools | 2 |
| Durham Public Schools | 2 |
| Forsyth County Schools | 6 |
| Guilford County Schools | 6 |
| Henderson County Public Schools | 1 |
| Moore County Schools | 2 |
| New Hanover County Schools | 1 |

| Local Education Agency | Recipients |
|--|------------|
| Onslow County Schools | 2 |
| Pender County Schools | 1 |
| Pitt County Schools | 1 |
| Polk County Schools | 1 |
| Rowan-Salisbury School System | 1 |
| Rutherford County Schools | 2 |
| Wake County Public School System | 7 |
| Warren County Schools | 1 |
| Wilkes County Schools | 1 |
| Private or home school in North Carolina | 3 |
| Renewals | 265 |
| Total | 332 |

Nonpublic Schools and the Number of Scholarship Recipients Enrolled

| Nonpublic School | Location | Recipients |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| ABC of NC Child Develop. Ctr. | Winston-Salem | 5 |
| Asheville Christian Academy | Swannanoa | 2 |
| Back Creek Christian Academy | Charlotte | 1 |
| Bishop McGuinness Catholic HS | Kernersville | 1 |
| Black Mountain Montessori | Black Mountain | 1 |
| Calvary Christian School | King | 3 |
| Carmel Christian School | Matthews | 2 |
| Carolina Christian Academy | Sanford | 1 |
| Chesterbrook Academy of Cary | Cary | 1 |
| Chesterbrook Academy-North Raleigh | Raleigh | 1 |
| Community Baptist School | Reidsville | 1 |
| Cornerstone Christian Academy | Hickory | 1 |
| Cornerstone Christian Academy | Statesville | 1 |
| Crossway Academy | Charlotte | 6 |
| Cumberland County Christian School | Fayetteville | 2 |
| Cyzner Institute | Charlotte | 1 |
| Daniel Academy | Concord | 1 |
| Dynamic Opportunities | Rolesville | 2 |
| Epiphany School of Charlotte | Charlotte | 1 |
| First Impressions Academy | Fayetteville | 1 |
| Flaming Sword Christian Academy | Hope Mills | 3 |
| Fletcher Academy | Raleigh | 11 |
| Friends School of Wilmington | Wilmington | 2 |
| Grace Christian School | Raleigh | 1 |
| Great Accomplishments Academy | Wilson | 3 |
| Harrells Christian Academy | Harrells | 1 |

| Nonpublic School | Location | Recipients |
|---|----------------|------------|
| Heritage Leadership Academy | Apex | 2 |
| Hill Learning Center | Durham | 5 |
| Hope Creek Academy | Durham | 5 |
| Immaculata Catholic School | Durham | 3 |
| Impact Journey School | Greensboro | 18 |
| Jarvisburg Christian Academy | Jarvisburg | 1 |
| Jordan Lake School of the Arts | Apex | 7 |
| Kerr Vance Academy | Henderson | 3 |
| Learn with the Best School | Raleigh | 4 |
| Life Spring Academy | Clayton | 1 |
| Lionheart Academy of the Triad | Greensboro | 27 |
| Lucy Daniels Center | Cary | 4 |
| Manus Academy | Charlotte | 7 |
| Marvin Academy | Waxhaw | 1 |
| Milestones Academy | Jacksonville | 2 |
| Millers Creek Christian School | Millers Creek | 1 |
| Neuse Christian Academy | Raleigh | 3 |
| New Garden Friends School | Greensboro | 5 |
| New Independence Academy | Pikeville | 2 |
| New School Montessori Center | Holly Springs | 2 |
| Noble Academy | Greensboro | 9 |
| North Hills Christian School | Salisbury | 2 |
| North Raleigh Christian Academy | Raleigh | 1 |
| Omni Montessori School | Charlotte | 1 |
| Our Lady of Grace Catholic School | Greensboro | 7 |
| Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School | Charlotte | 1 |
| Our Lady Perpetual Help Cath School | Rocky Mount | 1 |
| Peace Montessori School | Apex | 1 |
| Philips Academy of North Carolina | Charlotte | 10 |
| Phoenix Montessori Academy | Huntersville | 1 |
| Piedmont School | High Point | 3 |
| Providence A Christian Montessori Community | Burlington | 1 |
| Raleigh Christian Academy | Raleigh | 1 |
| Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy | Asheville | 1 |
| Riverside Christian Academy | Fayetteville | 2 |
| Salem Baptist Christian School | Winston-Salem | 6 |
| Shands School | Matthews | 1 |
| Southeastern Autism Academy | Wilmington | 10 |
| St. Gerard House | Hendersonville | 5 |
| St. John Paul II Catholic School | Southern Pines | 1 |
| St. Patrick Catholic School | Fayetteville | 2 |
| St. Raphael's Catholic School | Raleigh | 2 |

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| Nonpublic School | Location | Recipients |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Star Christian Academy | Smithfield | 1 |
| The Fletcher School | Charlotte | 1 |
| The Halton School | Huntersville | 2 |
| The John Crosland School | Charlotte | 4 |
| The Mariposa School for Children with Autism | Cary | 3 |
| The Master's Academy | Forest City | 2 |
| The School of Hope | Fayetteville | 7 |
| The Trilogy School | Raleigh | 6 |
| Tillery Christian Academy | Norwood | 1 |
| Triangle Day School | Durham | 2 |
| Trinity Christian Preparatory School | Charlotte | 2 |
| Trinity Christian School | Rutherfordton | 1 |
| True ABAlities Learning Academy | Cary | 1 |
| United Faith Christian Academy | Charlotte | 1 |
| Village Christian Academy | Harrisburg | 5 |
| Wayne Montessori School | Goldsboro | 1 |
| Wesleyan Christian Academy | High Point | 5 |
| Westlawn School | Winston-Salem | 1 |
| Home School | Various | 58 |
| Total | | 332 |

Number of Substantiated Cases of Fraud. There are no substantiated cases of fraud, and no parents or students have been removed from the program for noncompliance.