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# **FLORIDA TAX CREDIT** **Scholarship Program**

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# The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program was established in 2001 to encourage private, voluntary contributions from corporate donors to non-profit scholarship funding organizations (SFOs) that award scholarships to children from low-income families. Step Up For Students was the only approved participating SFO for the 2011-12 school year. A corporation can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to 100% of its state income tax liability. The program also includes credits against the insurance premium tax for contributions to eligible non-profit SFOs, credits against severance taxes on oil and gas production, self-accrued sales tax liabilities of direct pay permit holders, and alcoholic beverage taxes on beer, wine, and spirits. The maximum amount the state may award was \$175 million in credits for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This program expands educational opportunities and school choice for children of families that have limited financial resources.

## Summary of the June 2012 FTC Quarterly Report

The June FTC Quarterly Report is also considered the annual report because it is based on the cumulative data submitted by the Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) for students who participated in the FTC Scholarship Program at any point during the 2011-2012 school year.

In 2011-2012, Step Up For Students awarded a total of approximately \$147 million in FTC scholarships to 40,248 students enrolled in 1,216 participating Florida private schools.

The 40,248 students in 2011-2012 is an increase of 5,698 students over the 2010-2011 student total of 34,550 as reported in the June 2011 FTC Quarterly Report. This represents an enrollment increase of more than 16%. The 1,216 private schools participating in 2011-2012 represent an increase of more than 9% from the 1,114 private schools that participated during the 2010-2011 school year.

Some characteristics of the FTC student data include:

- Slightly more female students (51%) participate in the FTC program than male students (49%).
- The lower grade levels tend to have the larger student enrollments. Students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 3 make up approximately 53% of the scholarship recipients.
- The racial/ethnic breakdown reflects the diversity of students utilizing the FTC scholarship, which includes:
  - African-American students (35%)
  - Hispanic students (34%)
  - White students (25%)
  - Other students (6%)
- The top five districts (Dade, Orange, Duval, Broward, and Hillsborough) had 23,188 students (58% of total participants) receiving \$86 million in FTC scholarships (58% of total funding).

## FTC Student Participation and Funding by District

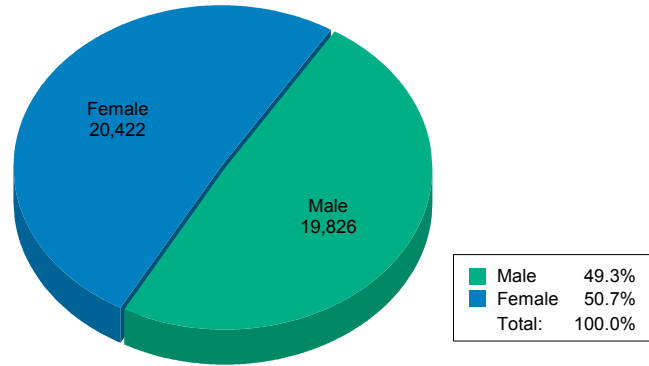
DISTRICTID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	STU%	TOTAL FUNDED	FUND%
1	ALACHUA	298	0.74%	1,085,863	0.74%
2	BAKER	30	0.07%	108,652	0.07%
3	BAY	42	0.10%	137,258	0.09%
4	BRADFORD	173	0.43%	644,337	0.44%
5	BREVARD	1,203	2.99%	4,259,641	2.89%
6	BROWARD	3,168	7.87%	11,660,634	7.91%
8	CHARLOTTE	170	0.42%	634,881	0.43%
9	CITRUS	238	0.59%	859,409	0.58%
10	CLAY	254	0.63%	868,072	0.59%
11	COLLIER	184	0.46%	678,340	0.46%
12	COLUMBIA	167	0.41%	585,336	0.40%
13	DADE	10,242	25.45%	38,579,694	26.16%
14	DESOTO	29	0.07%	74,665	0.05%
15	DIXIE	61	0.15%	206,607	0.14%
16	DUVAL	3,521	8.75%	12,950,791	8.78%
17	ESCAMBIA	589	1.46%	2,113,890	1.43%
18	FLAGLER	198	0.49%	719,264	0.49%
19	FRANKLIN	22	0.05%	49,044	0.03%
20	GADSDEN	209	0.52%	772,338	0.52%
21	GILCHRIST	39	0.10%	129,836	0.09%
22	GLADES	15	0.04%	58,460	0.04%
23	GULF				
24	HAMILTON	64	0.16%	216,414	0.15%
25	HARDEE	23	0.06%	74,509	0.05%
26	HENDRY	74	0.18%	233,189	0.16%
27	HERNANDO	293	0.73%	1,044,622	0.71%
28	HIGHLANDS	187	0.46%	685,269	0.46%
29	HILLSBOROUGH	1,798	4.47%	6,656,811	4.51%
30	HOLMES				
31	INDIAN RIVER	116	0.29%	409,367	0.28%
32	JACKSON	24	0.06%	87,114	0.06%
33	JEFFERSON	14	0.03%	56,154	0.04%
34	LAFAYETTE	20	0.05%	53,527	0.04%
35	LAKE	567	1.41%	2,045,773	1.39%
36	LEE	445	1.11%	1,632,528	1.11%
37	LEON	377	0.94%	1,313,784	0.89%
38	LEVY	88	0.22%	334,219	0.23%
39	LIBERTY				
40	MADISON	22	0.05%	68,626	0.05%
41	MANATEE	302	0.75%	1,083,672	0.73%
42	MARION	875	2.17%	3,141,621	2.13%
43	MARTIN	144	0.36%	528,824	0.36%
44	MONROE	42	0.10%	147,865	0.10%
45	NASSAU	74	0.18%	260,249	0.18%
46	OKALOOSA	161	0.40%	590,622	0.40%
47	OKEECHOBEE	51	0.13%	171,364	0.12%
48	ORANGE	4,459	11.08%	16,307,627	11.06%
49	OSCEOLA	1,393	3.46%	5,082,096	3.45%
50	PALM BEACH	1,153	2.86%	4,248,306	2.88%
51	PASCO	484	1.20%	1,735,084	1.18%
52	PINELLAS	1,435	3.57%	5,215,171	3.54%
53	POLK	1,074	2.67%	3,873,455	2.63%
54	PUTNAM	171	0.42%	604,859	0.41%
55	ST. JOHNS	190	0.47%	675,671	0.46%
56	ST. LUCIE	411	1.02%	1,469,347	1.00%
57	SANTA ROSA	59	0.15%	203,439	0.14%
58	SARASOTA	304	0.76%	1,111,163	0.75%
59	SEMINOLE	611	1.52%	2,188,467	1.48%
60	SUMTER	67	0.17%	235,859	0.16%
61	SUWANNEE	185	0.46%	602,394	0.41%
62	TAYLOR	31	0.08%	89,407	0.06%
63	UNION	16	0.04%	61,990	0.04%
64	VOLUSIA	1,462	3.63%	5,322,461	3.61%
65	WAKULLA	36	0.09%	123,439	0.08%
66	WALTON	39	0.10%	136,000	0.09%
67	WASHINGTON	45	0.11%	145,539	0.10%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>40,248</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>147,481,308</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Blanks indicate less than 11 students per district and are not displayed but calculated in total in order to protect student confidentiality.

## Private Schools by District Serving FTC Students

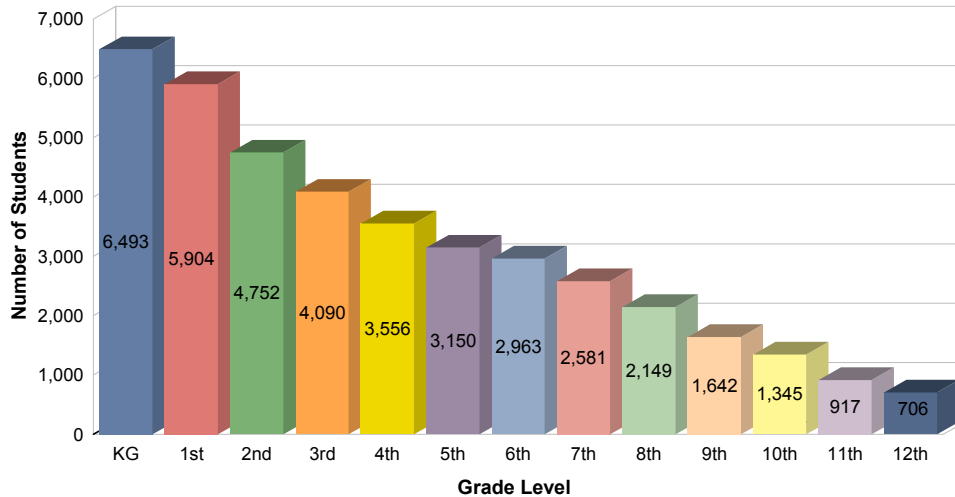
DISTRICT	DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOLS
1	ALACHUA	19
2	BAKER	2
3	BAY	5
4	BRADFORD	5
5	BREVARD	47
6	BROWARD	101
8	CHARLOTTE	10
9	CITRUS	7
10	CLAY	16
11	COLLIER	10
12	COLUMBIA	5
13	DADE	221
14	DESOTO	1
15	DIXIE	1
16	DUVAL	92
17	ESCAMBIA	18
18	FLAGLER	4
19	FRANKLIN	1
20	GADSDEN	4
21	GILCHRIST	2
22	GLADES	1
23	GULF	1
24	HAMILTON	3
25	HARDEE	2
26	HENDRY	3
27	HERNANDO	10
28	HIGHLANDS	8
29	HILLSBOROUGH	71
30	HOLMES	1
31	INDIAN RIVER	8
32	JACKSON	2
33	JEFFERSON	2
34	LAFAYETTE	1
35	LAKE	20
36	LEE	23
37	LEON	16
38	LEVY	3
40	MADISON	1
41	MANATEE	13
42	MARION	24
43	MARTIN	6
44	MONROE	1
45	NASSAU	4
46	OKALOOSA	6
47	OKEECHOBEE	4
48	ORANGE	96
49	OSCEOLA	22
50	PALM BEACH	44
51	PASCO	21
52	PINELLAS	70
53	POLK	37
54	PUTNAM	4
55	ST. JOHNS	5
56	ST. LUCIE	8
57	SANTA ROSA	3
58	SARASOTA	22
59	SEMINOLE	28
60	SUMTER	2
61	SUWANNEE	3
62	TAYLOR	2
64	VOLUSIA	36
65	WAKULLA	3
66	WALTON	3
67	WASHINGTON	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,216</b>

## FTC Student Enrollment by Gender



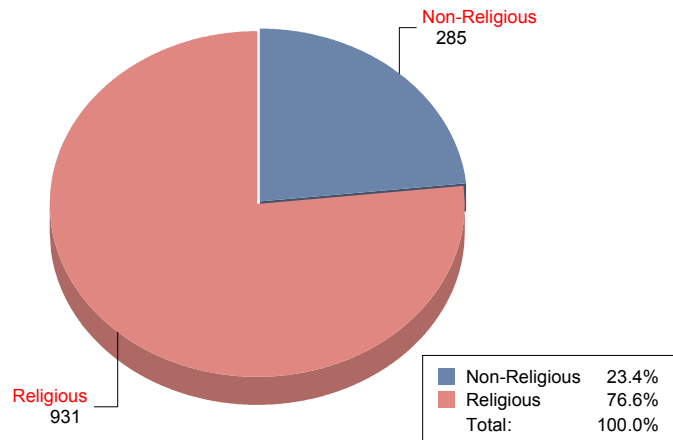
<u>GENDER</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Male	19,826	49.3%
Female	20,422	50.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40,248</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## FTC Student Enrollment by Grade Level



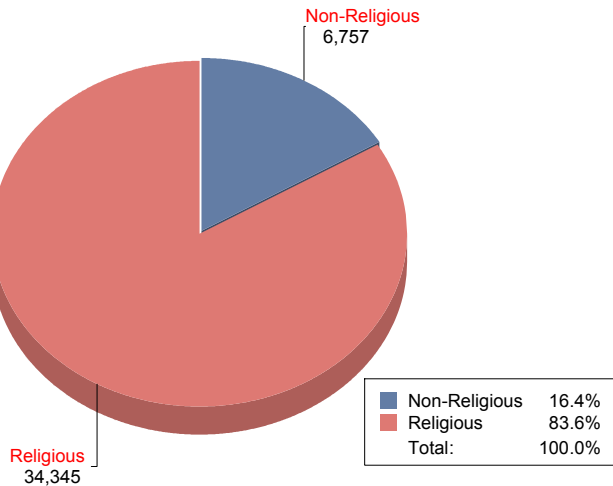
<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
KG	6,493	16.1%
1st	5,904	14.7%
2nd	4,752	11.8%
3rd	4,090	10.2%
4th	3,556	8.8%
5th	3,150	7.8%
6th	2,963	7.4%
7th	2,581	6.4%
8th	2,149	5.3%
9th	1,642	4.1%
10th	1,345	3.3%
11th	917	2.3%
12th	706	1.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40,248</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Private Schools Participating in FTC by Type



<u>SCHOOL TYPE</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Non-Religious	285	23.4%
Religious	931	76.6%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

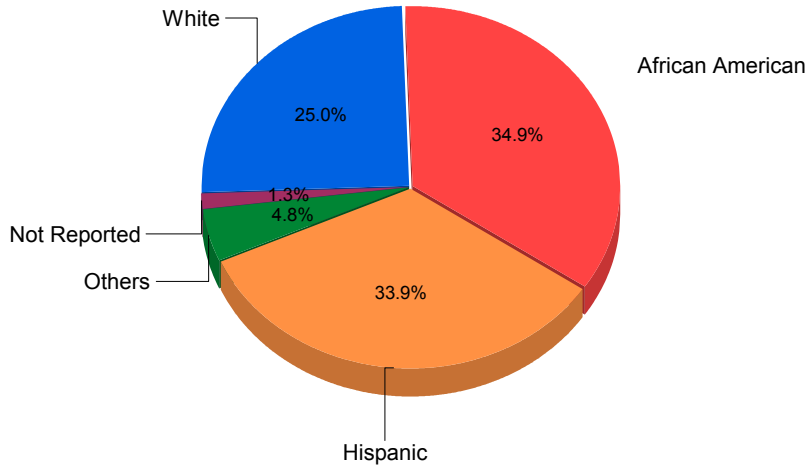
## FTC Student Enrollment by Type of Private School



<u>SCHOOL TYPE</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Non-Religious	6,757	16.4%
Religious	34,345	83.6%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>41,102 *</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Indicates that 854 students attended more than one school (Religious and Non-Religious) during the September 2011, November 2011, February 2012, and June 2012 reporting periods.

## FTC Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



<u>RACE</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
White	10,050	25.0%
African American	14,066	34.9%
Hispanic	13,648	33.9%
Others	1,944	4.8%
Not Reported	540	1.3%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40,248</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* "Others" include students who are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Multiracial.