

School Age:

**CARD FSU:**

The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. <http://autism.fsu.edu/>

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Home School World <http://www.home-school.com/>

IDEA The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. <http://idea.ed.gov/>

**Wrightslaw:**

Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Begin your search in the Advocacy Libraries and Law Libraries. You will find thousands of articles, cases, and resources about dozens of topics:

IDEA 2004 | Special Education | Law | Advocacy  
Books, DVDs, Websites <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

## The **Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System**

(FDLRS) provides diagnostic and instructional support services to district exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide. FDLRS supports the State education goals of high student achievement, safe schools, and high performing workforce. FDLRS activities reflect these goals and demonstrate outcomes toward accomplishing them. Funding is provided through federal and state dollars through the Bureau of Exceptional Education & Student Services (BEES).

<http://www.paec.org/fdlrsweb/>

<http://www.wikipedia.org/> Great resource for general Disability Information

FAAST **Our Mission** is to improve the quality of life for all Floridians with disabilities through advocacy and awareness activities that increase access to and acquisition of assistive services and technology. <http://www.faast.org/>

## **McKay Scholarship Program**

Florida's school choice programs ensure that no child will be left behind by allowing parents to choose the best educational setting—public or private—for their child. The ***McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program*** provided 17,300 Florida students with special needs the opportunity to attend a participating private school during the 2005-2006 school year. The McKay Scholarships Program also offers parents public school choice. A parent of a special needs student who is dissatisfied with the student's current school may choose to transfer the student to another public school.

***"The school-choice issue is not about public versus private; it's about choice. It's about knowing what works well for my family and being able to make that choice for them."*** -- Parent of a

McKay Scholarships Student

<http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/mckay>