

Florida Private School Website Compliance Requirements

1. FLDOE-Mandated Information

Under s. 1002.42, F.S., your website must reflect — and stay consistent with — what's on file with FLDOE:

- School name, physical address, mailing address, phone, and current email
- Director/administrator name
- Any changes must be updated within 15 days at FLDOE *and* on your site
- Grades served and enrollment capacity

2. Tuition & Fee Schedule (Critical for Scholarship Programs)

If you accept FTC, FES-EO, or FES-UA scholarships, the law is explicit: the same published tuition schedule must apply to all students — scholarship or private pay. Your website must publish:

- Maximum tuition by grade level
- All applicable fees (enrollment, technology, activity, etc.)
- No scholarship-student carve-outs or separate pricing

This is directly auditable. SUFS cross-references your EMA tuition entries against your published schedule.

3. Non-Discrimination Statement

Required under 42 U.S.C. s. 2000d (as a condition of scholarship participation). Your site must include a clear anti-discrimination policy — race, color, national origin at minimum.

4. Teacher Qualifications Disclosure

You must be able to demonstrate staff meet the credential threshold (baccalaureate degree OR 3+ years teaching experience OR documented special expertise). While the law doesn't mandate a public-facing page, DOE site visits will check this — having it on your website protects you.

5. Background Screening Compliance Statement

All owners, operators, chief administrators, and staff with student contact must have FDLE background clearance. A brief disclosure on your website ("All staff undergo state-required background screening") protects you legally and builds parent trust.

6. Annual Assessment Disclosure

For students in grades 3-10 on FTC/FES-EO scholarships, you must administer a DOE-approved norm-referenced test. Your website should disclose which assessment you use — this is asked during DOE site visits and helps avoid compliance flags.

7. Health & Safety Compliance Notice

Schools must meet state and local health/safety codes. A simple statement that your facilities are inspected and compliant covers this.

8. Privacy Policy (COPPA + FERPA)

If your site collects any information from students or parents — enrollment forms, contact forms, email lists — you need:

- A privacy policy explaining what data you collect and how it's used
- COPPA compliance language if any students under 13 interact with the site
- FERPA-aligned language on how student records are protected

9. ADA Website Accessibility (WCAG 2.1)

Under Title III of the ADA, private schools offering public accommodations must maintain accessible websites. This means:

- Alt text on images
- Keyboard navigation
- Sufficient color contrast
- Screen reader compatibility

This is increasingly enforced — I'd treat it as non-negotiable.

10. Scholarship Program Participation Notice

If you're SUFS-approved, your website should state which scholarship programs you accept (FTC, FES-EO, FES-UA). Many families search SUFS directories and cross-reference school sites.

What You Do NOT Need to Put on the Website

Florida explicitly limits DOE authority over private schools (the legislature has said it does not regulate, control, or accredit them). There is no requirement to post:

- Curriculum or standards alignment
- State-issued performance grades
- Teacher certification numbers

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Ethical Conduct

<https://mlmpipa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/MLMP-Standards-of-Ethical-Conduct-2025-26.pdf>