

**SUMMARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES GOVERNING
THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Amendments to these Rules are necessary as a result of Acts 327, 637, and 894 of 2017, and Acts 548 and 1078 of 2019.

- Definitions were added for “foster care”, “foster parent”, “IEP”, and “individualized service plan”.
- Sec. 4.01.1.1.2 was added to reflect that a resident superintendent may waive the student eligibility requirement that the student have attended public school for one year.
- Sec. 4.01.2 was amended to add eligibility for students in foster care, students who have been medically diagnosed by a licensed physician as a child with a disability, and students who have an individualized service plan.
- Sec. 4.04 was added to include the twenty (20) scholarship maximum for students in foster care.
- Sec. 4.05 was added to incorporate the change that students in foster care may continue to receive the scholarship even after achieving permanency through adoption, reunification, or permanent guardianship.
- Sec. 5.02.1 was amended to include the provision that a private school may participate in the program prior to receiving accreditation if all applicable conditions are met.
- Sec. 5.04.3 was added to list the information an eligible private school must provide in order to participate in the program.
- Revisions were made to the application, transfer, funding, and recertification processes to ensure a smoother and more efficient operation of the program.