

GOAL Student Scholarship Procedures

In 2008, House Bill 1133 was passed into law, allowing Georgia taxpayers to redirect a portion of their Georgia State income tax liability to provide scholarship assistance to eligible MPCS students coming from public school or homeschool. Contributions may not be designated for particular students. MPCS works with the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program, a state-approved student scholarship organization, to enable supporters to take advantage of this tax credit. Participants receive a tax credit against their Georgia income tax liability for the amount contributed to Georgia GOAL. Georgia GOAL contributions do not count towards Annual Fund giving but do provide a beneficial state credit for the participant.

In addition to the school's general financial assistance policies, the following criteria must be met in order to be considered for GOAL financial assistance: students entering grades 3-12 must have attended a Georgia public school immediately prior to MPCS or have been enrolled in an official home study program for at least one year immediately prior to receiving a scholarship or tuition grant under this law.

- All eligible GOAL applicants must provide a current academic year report card to MPCS.
- Kindergarten and first grade applicants must provide a birth certificate to MPCS verify age eligibility.
- GOAL financial assistance awards range from \$1 to a maximum amount allowable by GOAL in any given year, as determined by GOAL. Any award amount will be applied to the tuition for the academic year it is awarded and remaining tuition due will be divided into ten monthly payments.
- Students receiving GOAL financial assistance awards are eligible to qualify for continued multi-year GOAL assistance awards once a student is at MPCS.
- GOAL recipients must reapply each year and prove eligibility to receive financial assistance each year through FACTS and tax record evaluations. GOAL assistance awards are not guaranteed to be given each year, nor are the amounts guaranteed to be given.
- If a GOAL assistance recipient withdraws, the Georgia GOAL funds are reallocated to the GOAL fund to be distributed at the discretion of the Financial Assistance Committee to another qualified applicant. Funds are not transferable to another family member. If a withdrawal is submitted after the school year begins, the funds returned to GOAL are prorated, and the account balance is based on the prorated GOAL award applied to the account balance.

