



PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

**Thursday, January 11, 2024
11:00AM – 1:00PM
Morris Hall (17HOB)**

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Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Start Date and Time: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:00 am
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Duration: 2.00 hrs

Update on the Fiscal Implementation of Choice Scholarship Programs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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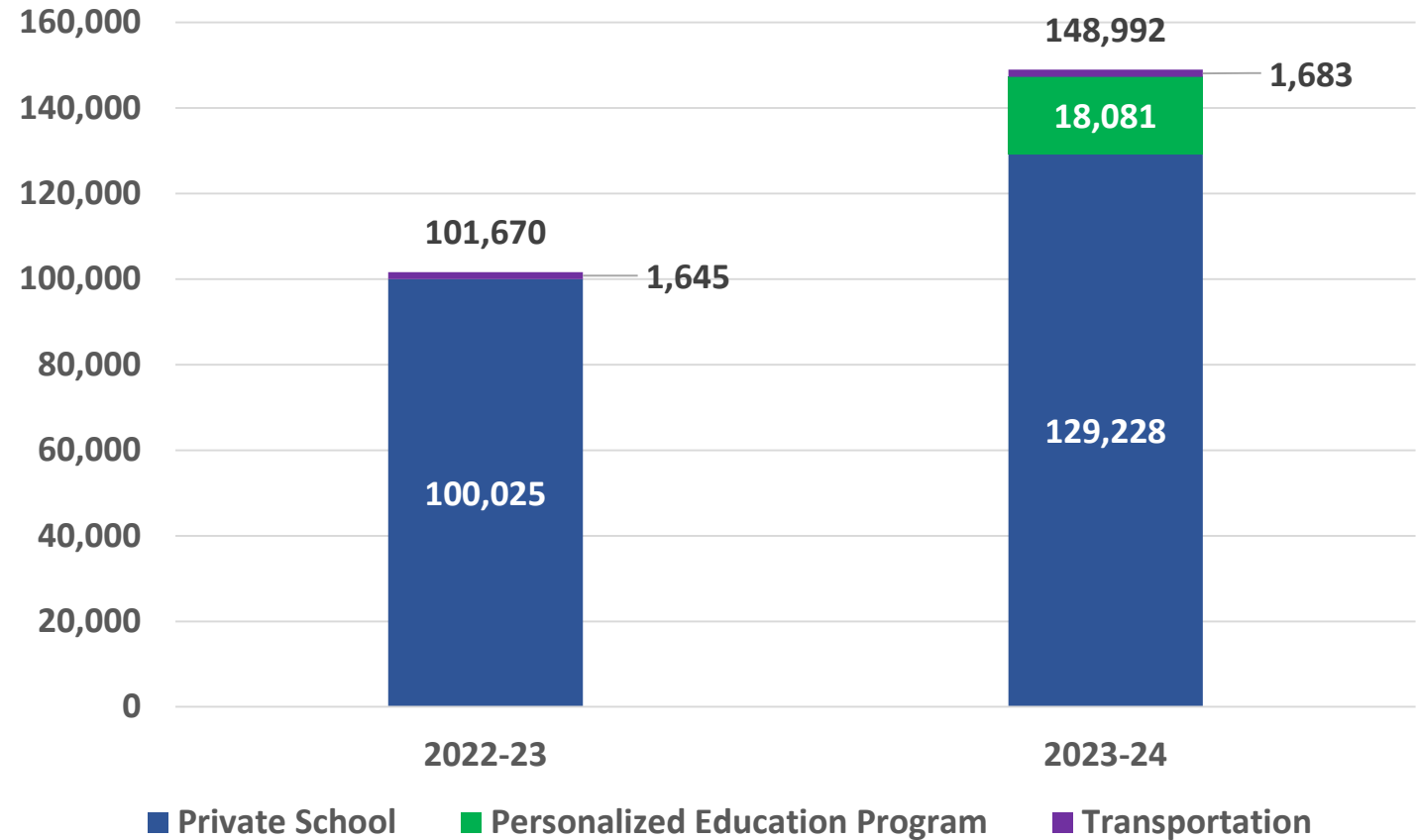


Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC)

Changes

- The personalized education plan (PEP)¹ scholarships were added.
 - Up to 20,000 PEP scholarships eligible for FY 23-24 funding.
 - May increase by 40,000 each subsequent school year.
- Additionally, the income eligibility requirement was removed.

¹Sequentially progressive instruction directed by parent to satisfy state's attendance requirement while registered with eligible scholarship-funding organization



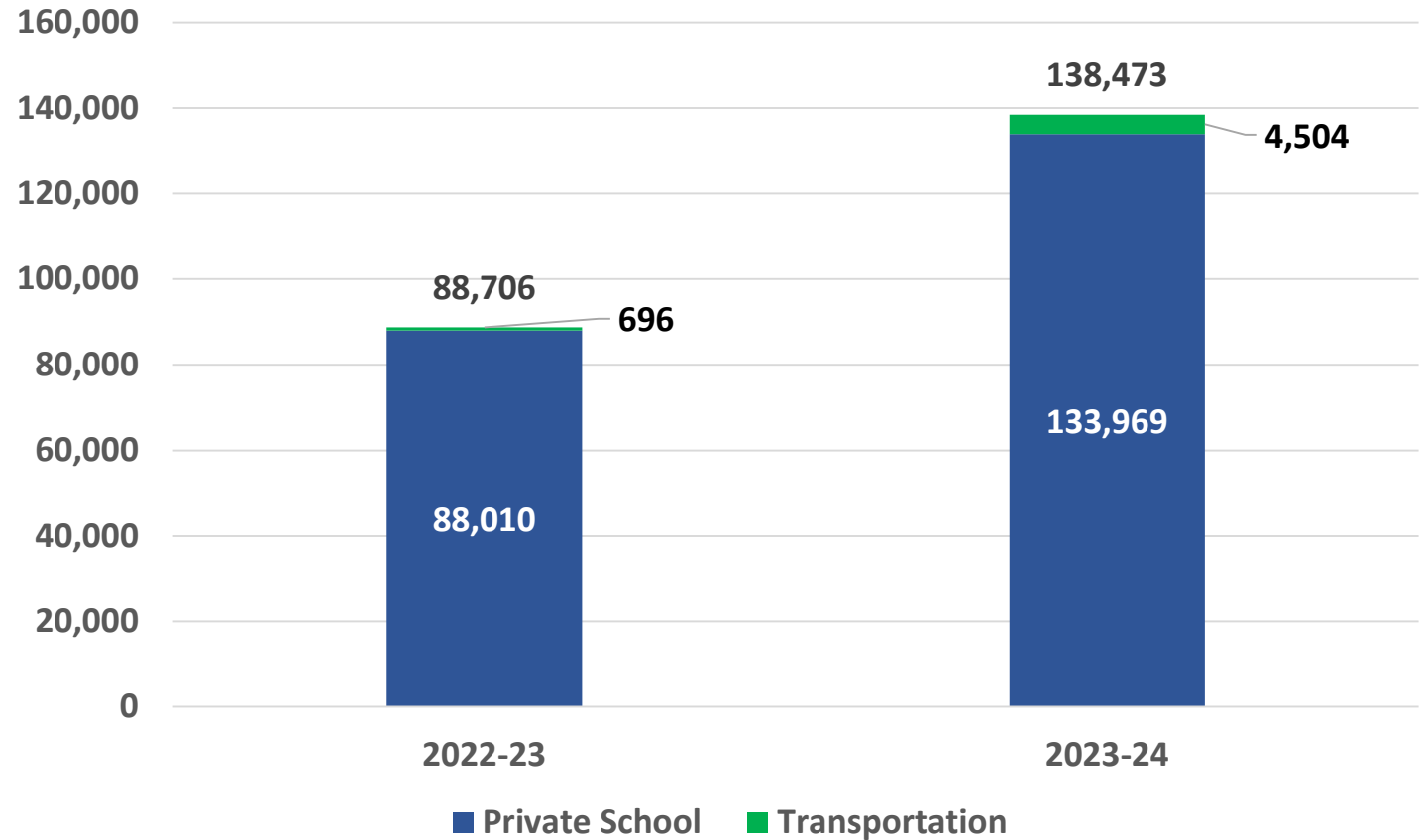
Data Sources – FY 2022-23 from the Florida Department of Education and FY 2023-24 (through 1/8/24) data from Step Up for Students and AAA.



Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO)

Changes

- Beginning in FY 23-24, income eligibility requirement removed.
- Funding priority given to:
 - Students whose household income does not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level, and
 - Students who are in foster care or out-of-home care.
- As of January 8, 2024, there has been a 52% increase in funded FES-EO scholarships compared to FY 22-23.



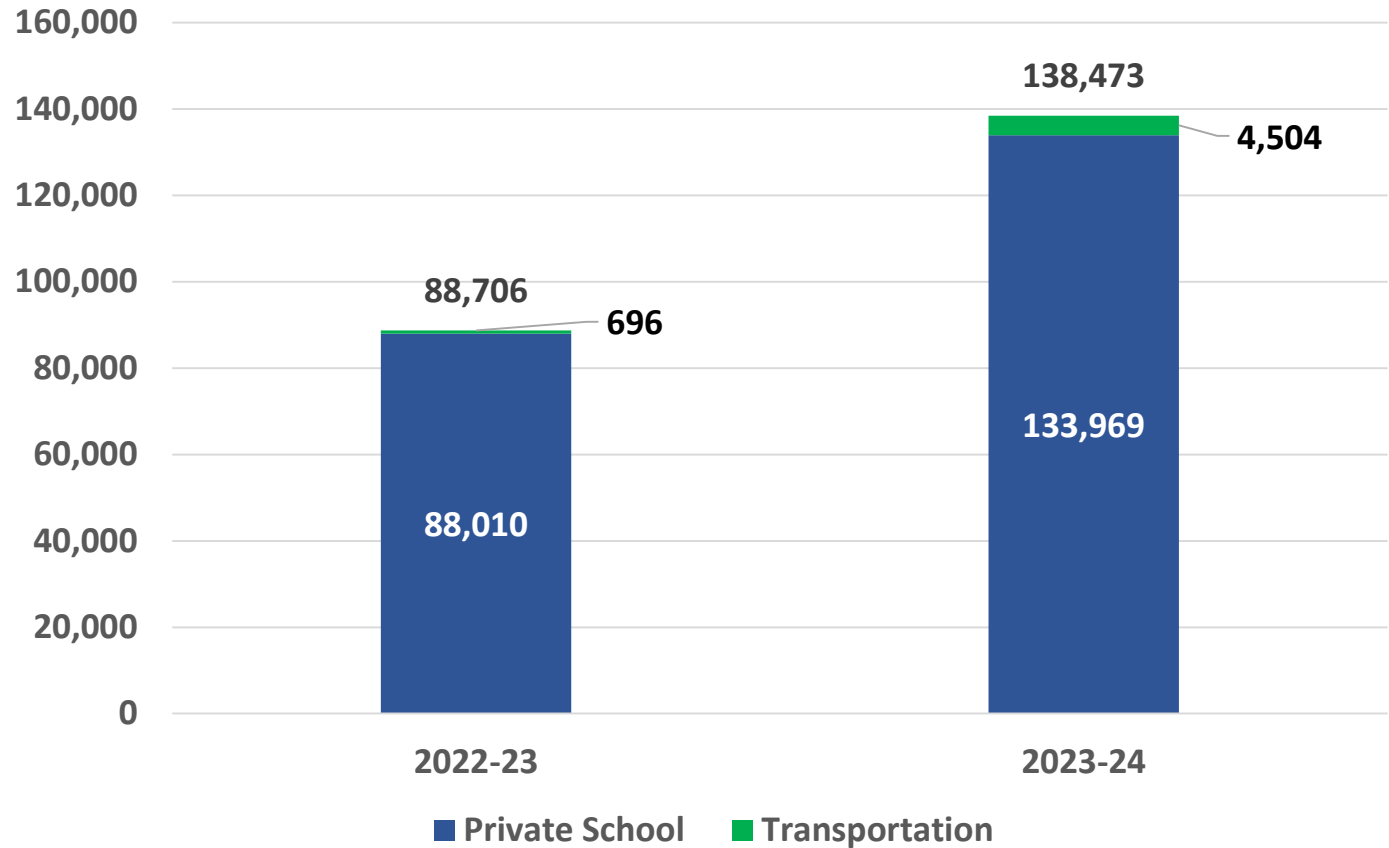
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Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO)

Changes, *continued*

- In FY 21-22, transportation was added as an eligible scholarship use for students choosing to attend a public school that is **not** their assigned public school.
 - There were no transportation scholarships funded in FY 21-22.
- Following the removal of the income eligibility requirement in FY 23-24, the number of transportation scholarships increased by 547% compared to FY 22-23.
- Student Transportation Allocation categorical currently used to fund these scholarships.



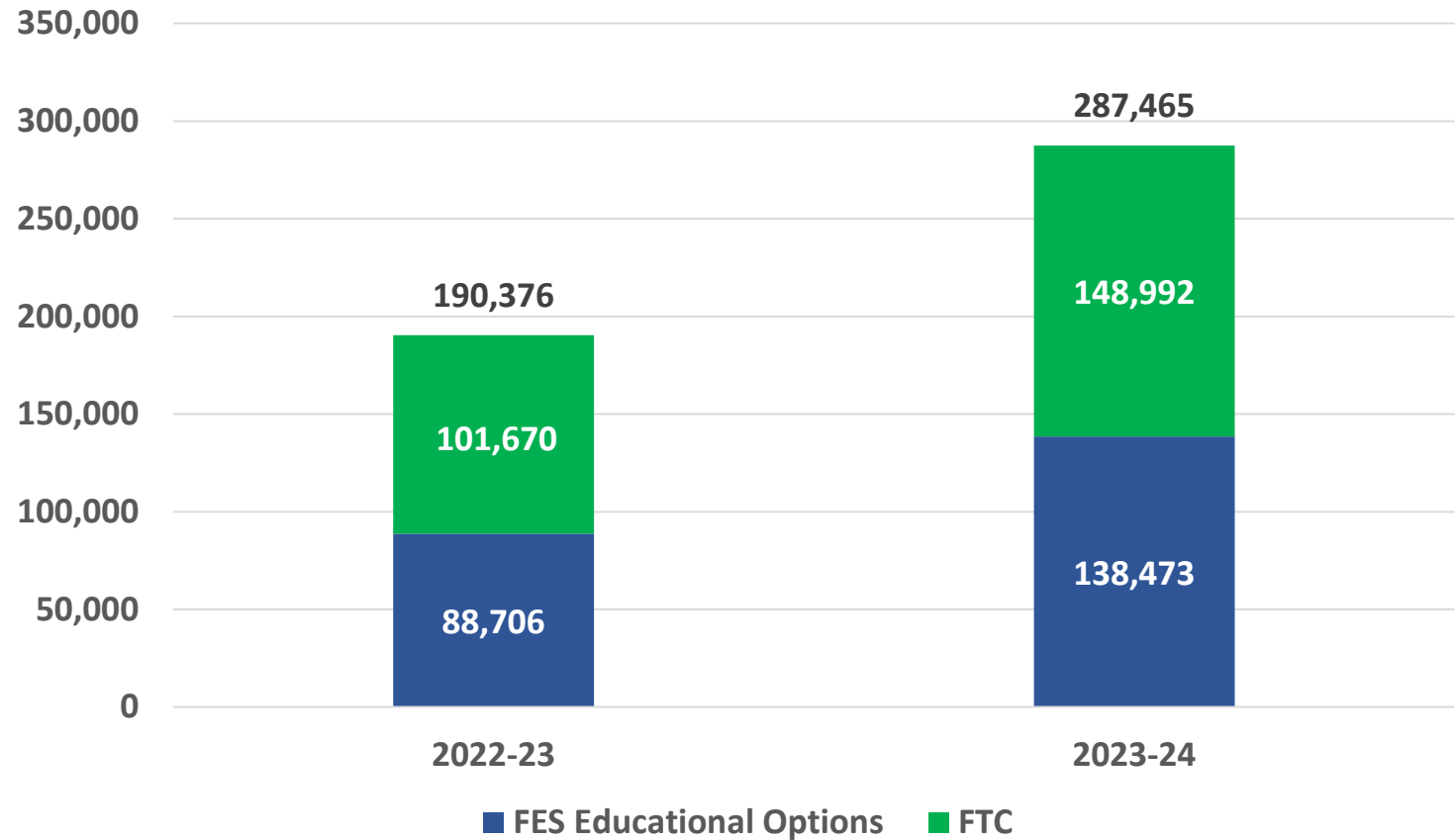
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Florida Tax Credit and Family Empowerment for Educational Options Scholarships

Combined

Since the eligibility requirements for the FTC and FES-EO scholarship programs are the same, looking at them together shows a 51% increase in number of funded scholarships compared to FY 22-23. (Current year through January 8, 2024).



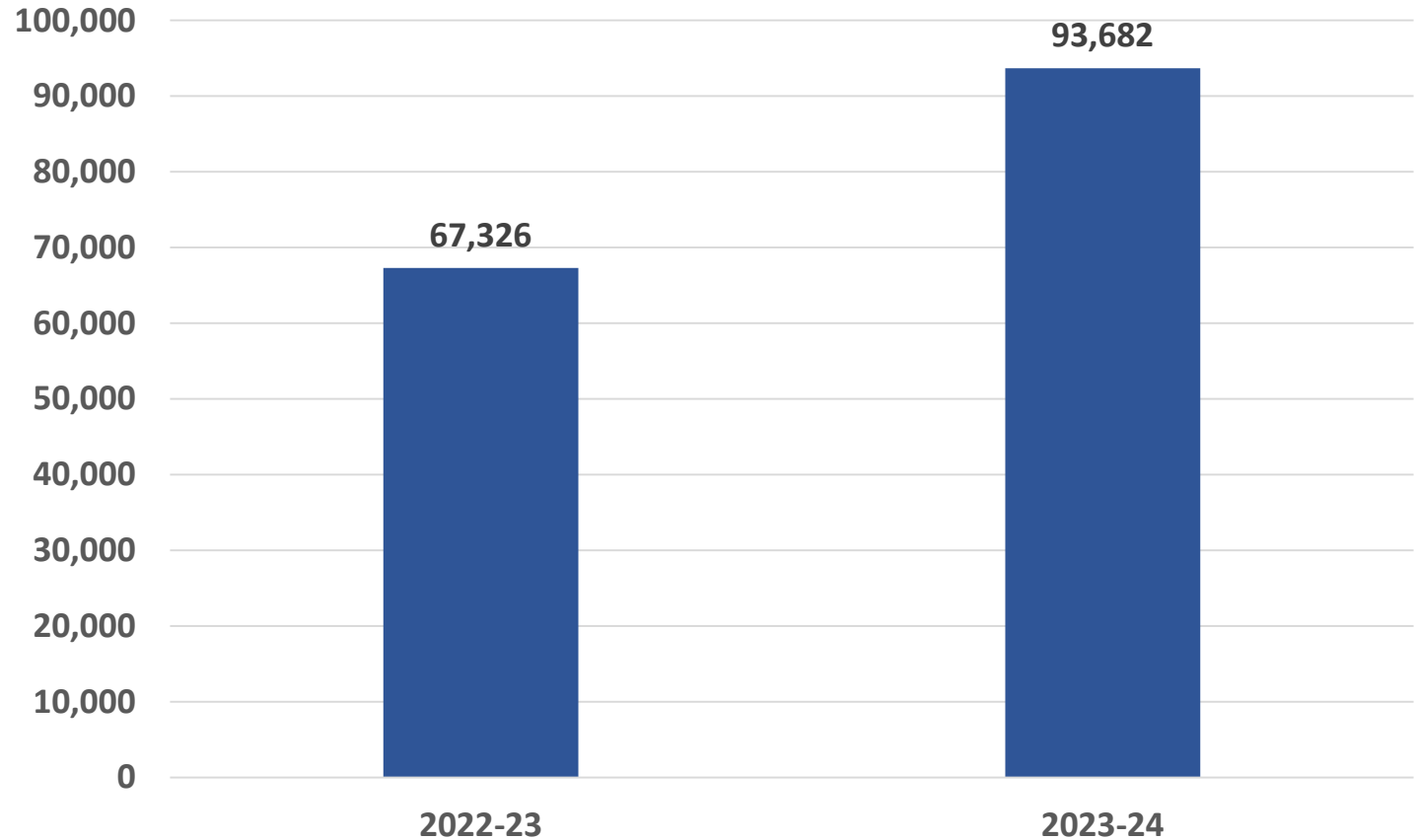
Data Sources – FES data from Florida Department of Education and FTC data from Step Up for Students and AAA.



Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

Changes

- Increase the annual growth of the maximum number of students participating, *the cap*, from 1% of the ESE enrollments, *excluding gifted students*, to 3%.
- For FY 23-24 the cap is the number of students who submitted completed applications by 12/15/23 **and** are determined eligible by SFO and Department of Education.
- Currently, there is a 39% increase in funded FES-UA scholarships compared to FY 22-23.

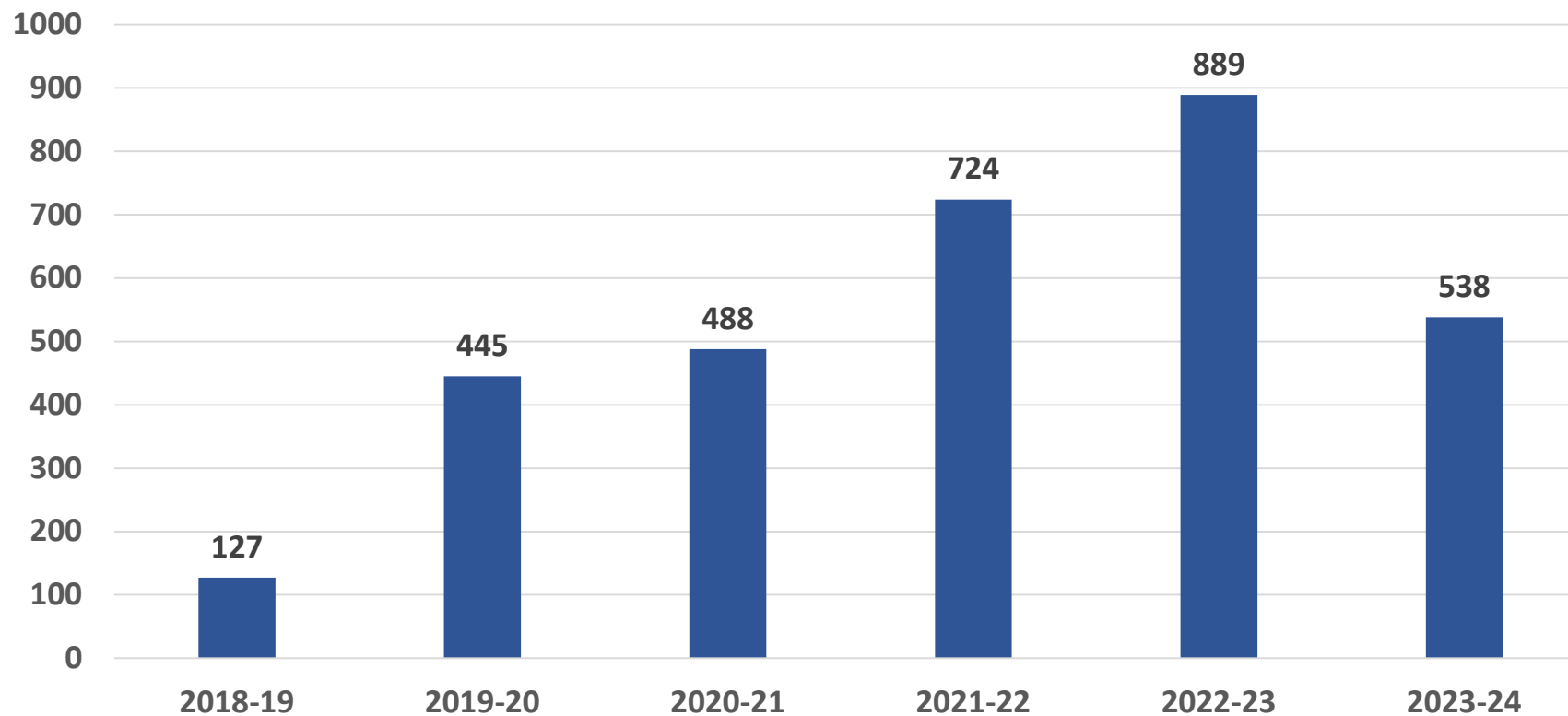


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Hope Scholarship

**No
Changes**



Data Source – Florida Department of Education and Step Up for Students, FY 2023-24 data is through 1/8/24.