



BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

Weekly Memo

Action Items

Approved Rules

The following rules were approved at the January State Board of Education meeting and will be effective on **February 16, 2021**:

- Rule [6A-6.053](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), K-12 Comprehensive Research-Based Reading Plan
- Rule [6A-6.0571](#), F.A.C., Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks
- Rule [6A-10.040](#), F.A.C., Basic Skills Requirements for Postsecondary Career and Technical Certificate Education

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Virtual Learning: Distance Learning Tools for Education and Communication Success for Technicians and Teachers Who Support Students Using AAC

On **February 10, 2021**, 3-4:30 p.m. EST, Technology and Learning Connections of the Problem Solving/Response to Intervention project will present Melissa Malani, PRC-Salttillo consultant, in an interactive webinar that will focus on Chat Editor. Participants will engage in a brief review about Chat Editor and learn about various uses for the technology, including, printing pages for low-tech options, using the Capture tool to create button sequences, and making their own materials for face-to-face and telepractice services. For more information, see the attached document. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3t8qjqv>.

- Filename: Virtual Learning and You AAC - Chat Editor with Salttillo

Reminder: Last Emotional/Behavioral Disability (EBD) Topic Session

EBD Topic Session Four: Trauma, Behavior, Anxiety and Resilience; Making the Connection, the last topic session in a series of four, will be on **February 22, 2021**, at 1:30 p.m. EST. In this session, attendees will learn how the areas of trauma, behavior, anxiety and resilience are connected to learning and development. This session will be facilitated by the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities and Youth Mental Health Awareness Training (SEDNET/YMHAT) Executive Director Dr. Charlene Grecsek. To register in advance for this meeting, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoc-yhrTsrHNAwKMM24dbmW0exPJshSySo>. For questions, contact Dr. Charlene Grecsek, executive director, SEDNET, at cgrecsek@usf.edu.

Book Study for EBD Contacts or Designee

SEDNET/YMHAT Executive Director Dr. Charlene Grecsek will facilitate a book study on Relationship, Responsibility, and Regulation: Trauma-Invested Practices for Fostering Resilient Learners by Kristin Van Marter Souers and Pete Hall. Note that these are rescheduled sessions with new registrations. All EBD contacts received a copy of the book from the SEDNET Administration Project in September or October 2020, and local SEDNET project managers distributed the books to their EBD contacts or their designee during that same time.

- Part one will be on **February 22, 2021**, from noon to 1:15 p.m. EST, and will focus on, “Building the Nest: Culture of Safety; Systems of Meaning; Needs versus Behavior” (i.e., Chapters 1-3). To register in advance for part one of this book study, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIdO6orj0tE9wykoh43vvhBvgQ0ROrPi7T>.
- Part two will be on **March 22, 2012**, from noon to 1:15 p.m. EST, and will focus on “The New Three R’s: Relationship, Responsibility and Regulation” (i.e., Chapters 3-5). To register in advance for part two of this book study, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscOmupzsrHtwru_wPvhLuNonDhAlyDIIY.

For questions, contact Dr. Charlene Grecsek, executive director, SEDNET, at cgrecsek@usf.edu.

Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference

The Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference will be on **February 23-25, 2021**, via Zoom from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. daily. To register, go to https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yI3kzWTFMvWknP. If you need assistance in registering, contact Wanda Wint at 407-823-3058.

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) Virtual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Interactive Learning Series

The FSDB is continuing its Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series for children ages 6-13 who are deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired. The virtual ECC sessions are available at no cost. Registration deadlines are **March 13, 2021**, for the events on **March 26 and 27, 2021**; and **March 26, 2021**, for the events on **April 9 and 10, 2021**. For more information and to register, see the attached document or go to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehi9o7ix4bbbcc22&llr=qd87qgabb>.

- Filename: Interactive Learning Series Spring Flyer 2021

Technical Assistance Paper (TAP): Technical Specifications for the Submission of Data for the Talented Twenty Program

The FDOE has issued the following TAP regarding technical specifications for the submission of data for the Talented Twenty program. Data must be submitted by **March 26, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. The TAP may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9063/DPS-2021-29.pdf>.

John M. McKay Scholarship Parental Notification of School Choice Options

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding John M. McKay Scholarship parental notification of school choice options. The Notification Verification Form must be submitted by **April 19, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9064/dps-2021-25.pdf> (Memo), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9065/dps-2021-25a.pdf> (Attachment A) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9066/dps-2021-25b.pdf> (Attachment B).

Save the Date—2021 Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute

The Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute, “Building Blocks to Leadership,” will be on **June 7-9, 2021**. Registration information will be coming soon. To view the save-the-date flyer, see the attached document. For more information, contact Florida CASE President Dr. Rosalind Hall at rosalind.hall@levyk12.org.

- Filename: Florida CASE 2021

Informational Items

The Bureau of Exceptional Student Services (BESE) Recognizes Staff Member in New Position

BESE acknowledges the new senior educational program director of the Dispute Resolution and Monitoring (DRM) section, Jessica Brattain. Jessica has been with the bureau for six years and has previously served as the educational program director of the BESE Resource and Information Center section; a program specialist for the eligibility categories of intellectual disabilities, an other health impairment, orthopedic impairment and traumatic brain injury in the Instructional Support Services section; and a program specialist investigator in DRM. Jessica has also served as an exceptional student education classroom teacher. Jessica can be reached at Jessica.Brattain@fldoe.org.

Approved Courses for School District Online Course Providers

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding approved courses for school district online course providers. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9061/DPS%202021-21.pdf>.

Approved Providers for School District Virtual Instruction Programs

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding approved providers for school district virtual instruction programs. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9062/DPS%202021-22.pdf>.

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AAC Virtual Learning and You!

Chat Editor with Saltillo

February 10th, 2021

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST




Saltillo

Join your PRC-Salttillo consultant, Melissa Malani, for an interactive webinar on the recent **AAC virtual strategies learning series**. Building on some of the introductory content covered in November, we will focus on learning more about Chat Editor. Participants will engage in a brief review about Chat Editor and learn about various uses for the technology, including:

- Print pages for low-tech options
- Use the Capture tool to create button sequences
- Making their own materials for face to face and telepractice services.

Register Below!

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FSDB

Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series/Spring

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) is excited to continue our Virtual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Interactive Learning Series for children ages 6-13 who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) or blind/visually impaired (B/VI).

CHOOSE ONE FRIDAY EVENING SESSION AND ONE SATURDAY SESSION BASED ON STUDENT AGE:

FRIDAY EVENING - *Let's Grow Together!*

March 26
5 - 6:30 p.m.
(Ages 6 - 9)

March 27
5 - 6:30 p.m.
(Ages 10 - 13)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - *DIY
Birdfeeders and Sustainable Gardening Extravaganza*

April 9
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Ages 6 - 9)

April 10
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Ages 10 - 13)

OBJECTIVES: Students will gain and demonstrate knowledge and meaning of diversity, sustainability, ecosystem, environmental balance, and garden safety by exploring, tasting, and making things from the garden. Students will engage in interactive dialogue within a virtual platform showing digital citizenship and proficiency in accessing information in this format. Students will practice basic data collection skills.

Space is limited & registration is required, so please don't wait to sign up! Registration deadline for events on Fri. March 26 & 27 is **March 13**, and for Sat. April 9 & 10 is **March 26** to allow time for shipping materials.

Please Register at: bit.ly/FSDBECCInteractiveLearning



SAVE the DATE

**2021 Florida CASE
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June 7-9, 2021

"Building Blocks to Leadership"

For Additional information contact:
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