



Weekly Memo

Rule Activity

Notice of Proposed Development

This rule revision is scheduled for the State Board of Education meeting on **July 24, 2024**. To view the following final proposed rule and submit comments, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- Rule [6A-1.09401](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Student Performance Standards

Job Vacancies

Positions Available in the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS)

Student Support Services, within BEESS, is looking to fill the following positions:

- [School Counseling Consultant](#) – Position #37167 – The school counseling consultant provides guidance, support, training and technical assistance (face to face, phone and written) to Florida school district personnel focused on the implementation of effective instruction and intervention processes and practices; strategies for providing school-based mental health prevention and intervention services; and elementary school progression, statewide assessment requirements, acceleration programs and student educational records.
- [Media Publishing Specialist](#) – Position #36216 – Performs administrative duties for the Student Support Services Project. These duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the interpretation of internal and external policies and procedures, which are required for the daily operation of the project. This information is provided to the program director and fellow workers verbally, in writing or via email. Such information also serves as liaison with other internal/external agencies, including the FDOE and school districts in Florida. The media publishing specialist also provides administrative support to the project's professional staff by conducting research, preparing reports, handling information requests, answering the telephone and assisting with editing documents.
- [Program Specialist-Grant Specialist](#) – Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Program in Student Support Services – Position #37215 – The grant specialist supports state and federal programs and strategic improvement initiatives through grant management processes. Grant management processes include implementing new grant application procedures, reviewing grant applications, monitoring awarded grants, and reporting data

from grant programs. The grant specialist must interact professionally with all stakeholders while demonstrating, modeling and reinforcing the FDOE's fundamental values of quality, fairness, cooperation, respect, commitment, excellence, honesty and teamwork.

More information on these positions and how to apply is on the [Student Support Services Project's home page](#).

Position Available with the Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD)

ISRD, an Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)-funded state project, is seeking a coordinator for the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) Region. This position will serve Calhoun, FAMU Lab School, FL Department of Corrections, Franklin, FSU Lab School, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties. The position is supported by the Putnam County School District. To view the job description and apply, go to [Putnam County School District Employment](#), scroll down to "Search Current Job Openings," click on "Click to view current job openings," then click it again, and select "Coordinator, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Special Projects, ISRD." For job details ("View Details of Highlighted Position") and to apply ("Apply for Selected Position(s)"), choose the appropriate button in the upper-right-hand corner. The application deadline is until filled. If you have questions pertaining to the job description, contact Chastity Lee at leec@nefec.org or 386-329-3894.

Positions Available in the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) PAEC Associate Center

FDLRS PAEC, an IDEA-funded state project, is seeking specialists for the areas of human resource development and/or technology. FDLRS PAEC serves the districts of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Walton and Washington. The application deadline is open until filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to [PAEC Jobs web page](#). For questions, contact Toyka Holden at Toyka.Holden@paec.org.

Positions Available in the FDLRS Sunrise Associate Center

FDLRS Sunrise, an IDEA-funded state project, is seeking to fill the following positions:

- Human resources development (HRD) specialist: The full job description can be viewed at [HRD specialist](#). To view the application, go to the Polk County Public Schools, [Browse Job Openings web page](#), locate TRST, Professional Learning FDLRS, select "VIEW" and follow the application prompts.
- Clerk specialist: The full job description can be viewed at [clerk specialist](#). To view the application, go to the Polk County Public Schools, [Browse Job Openings web page](#), locate clerk specialist, select "VIEW" and follow the application prompts.

For questions, contact Dr. Poinsetta Tillman at poinsetta.tillman@polk-fl.net or 863-535-6486.

Action Items

2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey

Each year, the FDOE surveys parents of students with an individual educational plan to determine how well districts and schools are partnering with parents and promoting parent involvement in their student's education. All states must collect these data for reporting on their State Performance Plan, as required under the IDEA. Additionally, survey results will be used to help schools and districts improve services and outcomes for students with disabilities.

We would like to spotlight and congratulate the following four districts this week by size that have, thus far, shown to have the highest response rate for the 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey:



The survey will be open through **June 30, 2024**. For more information about the 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey, go to the [FDOE ESE Parent Survey](#) web page. For questions, contact Patricia Bodiford, senior educational program director, Instructional Support Services, at Patricia.Bodiford@fldoe.org or 850-245-0475.

Senate Bill (SB) 1264 – Call for History of Communism Standards Workgroup Members

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [SB 1264 – Call for History of Communism Standards Workgroup Members](#). Individuals seeking to participate in this workgroup must submit their interest by **July 26, 2024**, per the instructions in the memo.

Informational Items

Amended State Board of Education Rule 6A-7.0715, F.A.C., Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [amended Rule 6A-7.0715, F.A.C., Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media](#).

New BEESS Team Members

Dispute Resolution and Monitoring (DRM) Unit

The DRM unit is pleased to welcome Ms. Emily Sherouse in the role of administrative secretary for the DRM team. Ms. Sherouse brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong work ethic to her professional endeavors. Her most recent position was in the wedding and event industry, where she honed her organizational and interpersonal skills. Outside of work, Ms. Sherouse enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors. She is excited to join BEESS and contribute to its mission.

The DRM unit is also pleased to welcome Mr. Derius Whiten in the role of administrative secretary for the DRM team. Mr. Whiten is a recent graduate of Florida State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in psychology. He is incredibly passionate about education and excited to be able to put into action that passion and support for all students with disabilities.

Summer Spotlight

Prior Written Notice

This summer, *Special Ed Connection's* spotlight is on prior written notice. You can reference these stories and resources throughout the summer while holding refresher training for experienced educators and onboarding those new to the field. The Summer Spotlight: Prior Written Notice web page contains practical guidance, quick tips, SmartStarts, legal features, sample tools and additional resources. BEESS provides all local educational agencies with access to [Special Ed Connection®](#) at no cost. If you need your login information or would like to schedule a webinar for your staff contact the Special Ed Connection® Help Desk/Training Team at specialconnection@lrp.com.

Tip of the Week

Focus on More Than Goals When Updating Individual Educational Plans (IEPs)

IEP teams must strive to review and update everything in an IEP, not just goals, each year. Everything from a student's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance to his service minutes and accommodations should be considered and revised as needed to prevent future FAPE denial claims. ([Special Ed Connection®](#))

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