

BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Weekly Memo

Action Items

Notices of Rule Development

The following rules will have a rule development workshop on either **September 11 or 12, 2023** (check the notice for the exact date). Participants may join via the Microsoft Teams link listed in the notice. To submit comments for the following rules, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) **State Board Rules Under Review**:

- Rule <u>6A-4.004</u>, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages
- Rule <u>6A-6.0521</u>, F.A.C., Definitions and Requirements Which Apply to All Dropout Prevention Programs
- Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C., District K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan

New State Board of Education Rule Regarding Requirements for District Internet Safety Policies (Rule 6A-1.0957, F.A.C.)

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the <u>new rule regarding requirements for district internet safety policies</u>. Each district's initial Internet Safety Policy must be in place by **September 1, 2023**.

Position Available with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Emerald Coast Associate Center (AC)

FDLRS Emerald Coast AC, a discretionary project of the FDOE, BEESS, is seeking a human resources development specialist. FDLRS Emerald Coast serves the districts of Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa. The application deadline is **September 6, 2023**. To view the full job description and apply, go to Escambia County Schools job postings. Under Job Type, select Certified Teacher: — District Wide and look for the position titled "2023-2024 FDLRS Specialist Grades: K-12." For questions, contact Georganna Gordon, director, at ggordon1@ecsdfl.us.

9/11 Heroes' Day 2023

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>9/11 Heroes' Day 2023</u>, which will be held on **September 11, 2023**.

House Bill (HB) 7039 – Call for Workgroup Members: Student Outcomes in Mathematics
The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding House Bill (HB) 7039 – call for workgroup
members: student outcomes in mathematics. Individuals seeking to participate in this workgroup,
must submit their request by September 15, 2023, per the instructions in the memo.

Review and Analysis of Classroom Teacher Training Requirements

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the <u>review and analysis of classroom teacher training requirements</u> and attachment A, <u>District Training Information</u>. The FDOE-requested information must be submitted by **September 22**, **2023**, per the instructions in the memo. This review and analysis of classroom teacher training is to be completed by **December 31**, **2023**.

Florida Vision District Contacts' Meeting

The Fall Florida Vision District Contacts' Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **October 19**, **2023**, from 9 a.m. to noon ET. The Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI), in conjunction with the FDOE, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), hosts this annual meeting specifically for district contacts responsible for the programs for students with visual impairments. It is recommended that the district contact person overseeing visual impairments, or a designee, attend this meeting to discuss data and processes specific to students who are visually impaired in the district. For more information and to register, go to Fall Virtual Vision Contacts - FIMC-VI. For questions, contact Liz Anderson at eanderson@fimcvi.org.

Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Winter Leadership Institute—Save the Date

The CASE Winter Leadership Institute will be in Orlando from January 30 to February 1, 2024. Specifically, the institute will take place Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For information and to register for the institute, go to Florida CASE Winter Leadership Institute 2024. The deadline to make your hotel reservation is January 15, 2024. Due to limited room availability, you are encouraged to make your reservations expeditiously at Hilton Online Hotel Reservation.

FIMC-VI Professional Learning Opportunity—"What to Do if You Are Working with a Student Who is Blind or Visually Impaired"

If you are an educator working with a student who is blind or has a visual impairment, this independent, self-paced training is for you. "What to Do if You Are Working with a Student Who is Blind or Visually Impaired" is specifically designed for teachers (e.g., classroom, physical education, music and art); therapists; and paraprofessionals who are new to the needs of students who are blind or have a visual impairment. However, any school-based personnel working with students in this capacity would benefit from completing these modules. The five modules include videos and other activities. Participants will earn up to five in-service credits at the discretion of their district, which may be used toward the required 20 in-service points for recertification in teaching students with disabilities per Rule 6A-4.0051, Florida Administrative Code. Those interested in participating need to complete the FIMC-VI Canvas Resource Site and Course Sign-Up form. The course will close on June 14, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. For questions, contact Cheri Hart at chart@fimcvi.org.

Informational Items

District and Charter School Adjunct Teacher Certificates

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>district and charter school adjunct teacher</u> <u>certificates</u>.

Amendments to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards, Regarding Health Education

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>amendments to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.</u>, Student Performance Standards, regarding health education.

Amended Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C., Education Records

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>amendments to Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C., Education Records.</u>

Title II, Part A State-Level Activities Input Survey

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>Title II, Part A State-Level Activities Input Survey</u>.

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