



BEESS Weekly Memo



Professional Learning

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Entitlement Technical Assistance (TA) Office Hours to Resume September 29, 2026

The weekly IDEA Entitlement TA Office Hours provide local educational agencies with an opportunity to ask questions, receive clarification on application requirements, and obtain assistance with completing application forms and supporting documents. Due to the upcoming Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Leadership Summit and the Office of Special Education Programs' visit to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), these meetings will be cancelled for the next two weeks. The IDEA Entitlement TA Office Hours will resume on **September 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**

Job Vacancies

Position Available in FIN (Region 1 – Job ID#63248)

FIN, an IDEA-funded state project, is seeking a FIN facilitator in the Florida Panhandle. The FIN facilitator will work in a regional capacity to serve the following districts: Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, FAMU Lab School, Franklin, FSU Bay, FSU Lab School, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, Walton, Washington, and Wakulla. The application is open until position is filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to the [FSU Jobs](#) webpage.

To learn more about FIN, go to the [FIN](#) webpage. For questions, contact Kelly Claude and JaSheena Ekhtor at lsi-finadmin@fsu.edu.

Position Available in FIN (Region 3 – Job ID#63262)

FIN is seeking a FIN facilitator in Central Florida. The FIN facilitator will work in a regional capacity to serve the following districts: Florida Virtual School, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie, Sumter, Odyssey Charter and UCP. The application is open until position is filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to the [Florida State University Jobs](#) webpage.

To learn more about FIN, go to the [FIN](#) webpage. For questions, contact Kelly Claude and JaSheena Ekhaton at lsi-finadmin@fsu.edu.

Informational Items

Rule 6A-1.09953, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Statewide Uniform Weighted Grading System in Honors and Articulated Courses

The FDOE issued a memorandum regarding [Rule 6A-1.09953, F.A.C., Statewide Uniform Weighted Grading System in Honors and Articulated Courses](#). See the memo for more information.

Additional Updates to 2026-27 Grading Scales for Combination Schools and Districts

The FDOE issued a memorandum regarding [additional updates to 2026-27 grading scales for combination schools and districts](#). See the memo for more information.

American Founders' Month/Celebrate Freedom Week 2026

The FDOE issued a memorandum regarding [American Founders' Month/Celebrate Freedom Week 2026](#). See the memo for more information.

Tip of the Week

Do Not Wait for “Magic Words” to Evaluate

Phrases such as, “Do you think he needs an individual educational plan?” or “She seems so anxious lately,” can trigger a district’s child find duty even if a parent never says the word “evaluation.” Remind staff to focus on the substance of a parent’s comments as opposed to the specific wording when determining the need for an IDEA referral. ([Special Ed Connection®](#))

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