

Florida Mathematics Re-Design



Dear Colleague:

As the new year and legislative session are now underway, the Florida Student Success Center (center) is excited to share important updates regarding the Florida Mathematics Re-Design Initiative.

Apply Now! Statewide Mathematics Council

The Florida Student Success Center is thrilled to announce the launch of a statewide mathematics council. The primary responsibility of the council will be working with and supporting Florida College System (FCS) institutions to implement the recommendations pertaining to local/institutional policy and practice. Through this council, the center will create recurring opportunities for stakeholders to convene to promote collaboration to strengthen mathematics pathways. The center looks forward to coordinating with other statewide councils as appropriate to enact the implementation plan.

We invite you to apply to serve as a council member. The application deadline is March 4, 2020. The council will be appointed in late March and the first face-to-face convening will occur in April or May 2020. Travel expenses will be covered for the convening.

[Submit an Application for the Mathematics Council](#)

Other Updates

- One of the most powerful and unified recommendations produced by the workgroups was to create common statewide mathematics pathways by aligning mathematics courses to programs, meta-majors and careers in Florida. This recommendation is currently reflected in Senate Bill 1568, which amends section 1007.23, Florida Statutes. As legislative session is still underway, this bill will need to go through the



committee process and ultimately be signed by the governor prior to it becoming law, but this bill language is testament to the impact of the work and underscores the importance of continuing to drive the remaining recommendations toward implementation.

- On February 12, 2020, the State Board of Education adopted Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards— Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking. The development of these standards and benchmarks is based upon Executive Order 19-32 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis. Florida’s B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics were written by workgroups consisting of Florida mathematics teacher experts. The teacher experts represent the individuals in Florida who have leadership roles in K-12 mathematics and the Florida College System (pictured above). Now that the new standards have been identified, one of the first priorities will be to begin to align postsecondary mathematics courses with the new B.E.S.T. standards that were adopted by the State Board of Education on February 12, 2020.
- The center plans to sponsor two cohorts of mathematics faculty to participate in a microcredential on active learning offered in partnership with the Association of College and University Educators. More information coming soon.
- Lastly, the center is proud to announce the publication of its first set of policy and practice papers, which were drafted in collaboration with college staff and subject matter experts, and stemmed from the Florida Mathematics Re-Design Initiative.
- The first [paper](#) includes next steps and advice for state leaders and policymakers to support mathematics reform.
- The second [paper](#) focuses on the role of institutional leaders in advancing the mathematics reform work. Special thanks to the Valencia College team for collaborating on this paper.

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