



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Notices of Proposed Rule

These rule revisions are scheduled for the State Board of Education meeting on **August 23, 2023**. To view the following final proposed rules and submit comments, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- Rule [6A-4.0051](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate
- Rule [6A-6.03028](#), F.A.C., Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities

Notice of Rule Development

The following rule will have a rule development workshop on **August 11, 2023**. Participants may join via the Microsoft Teams link listed in the notice. To submit comments for the following rule, go to the FDOE [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- Rule [6A-1.09422](#), F.A.C., Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements

Back to School Sales Tax Holidays

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [back to school sales tax holidays](#), which will be from **July 24 to August 6, 2023, and from January 1 to 14, 2024**.

Informational Items

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) Two-Year Cohort Nominations

The Problem Solving and Response to Intervention (PS/RtI) Technology and Learning Connection is accepting nominations from ESE directors for the RESNA two-year cohort for district assistive technology (AT) specialist. The PS/RtI Technology and Learning Connection is very interested in the educational needs of students in Florida and, more specifically, the students who would benefit from assistive technology to access grade-level standards. To better meet student AT needs at the district level, we will be launching a special two-year cohort for district AT specialists to provide support through the Path to RESNA Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) Certification. To

submit a name and email address for consideration, go to the [2023 District Nominee for RESNA ATP Certification](#) web page. This cohort aims to invest in your district assistive technology specialist. The AT specialist must have a background in speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or ESE teacher with a master's degree in special education or rehab science. For more information, see the attached document or contact Janet Good at jgood@usf.edu.

- Filename: ESE Director Letter RESNA 2023

House Bill (HB) 225, Interscholastic Activities

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [HB 225, Interscholastic Activities](#).

HB 265, High School Equivalency Diplomas

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [HB 265, High School Equivalency Diplomas](#).

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July 28, 2023

ESE Directors:

We are very interested in the educational needs of students in Florida and more specifically the students that would benefit from assistive technology to access grade-level standards. To better meet district student AT needs, we will be launching a special 2-year cohort for district AT Specialists to provide support through the Path to RESNA ATP Certification. We invite you to submit a name and email for consideration. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FL_ATP_2325

This cohort aims to invest in your district assistive technology specialist. AT Specialist must have a background in Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or ESE Teacher with a master's degree in special education or Rehab Science. Ultimately, we strive to provide you with a highly qualified professional to serve your district.

The Assistive Technology Professional Certification (ATP) recognizes demonstrated competence in analyzing the needs of consumers with disabilities, assisting in the selection of appropriate assistive technology for the individual's needs, and providing training in the use of the selected device.

Year 1	Year 2
Community of Practice	Community of Practice
Once a month team meeting	Once a month team meeting
Coaching & Mentoring	Coaching & Mentoring
ATP Fundamentals Course	Exam study sessions
Work Experience – 10 hours per week (during work time, RESNA requirement)	Online Practice Exam
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	ATP Exam (re-take if needed)

All costs will be funded by BEESS and PS/RtI Technology & Learning Connections project. This investment cost includes the following:

ATP Fundamentals Course Overview	Online 2 times per week 2 hours 4 weeks total	Fee with Book \$800 (non-members)
ATP Online Practice Exam	50-questions	\$99
ATP Application Fee		\$100
ATP Exam Fee		\$500
ATP Retest Fee		\$250
Coaching & Mentoring Cost PS/RtI Tech		Priceless
	Total Investment	\$1,749.00

Kick-off - Fall 2023 - For more information contact Janet Good, jgood@usf.edu

Regards,

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