



Weekly Memo

Rule Activity

Notice of Rule Development

To view the draft, if available, and submit comments for the following rule, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- Rule [6A-6.0571](#), Florida Administrative Code, Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks

Events Coming Soon

Educational Interpreter Project (EIP) Summer Institute

The EIP Summer Institute is for educational sign language interpreters and staff members who work with student who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Summer Institute is a four-day conference, filled with workshops on topics relating to American Sign Language, interpreting and more. The Summer Institute is being offered at no cost to all participants and continuing education units (CEUs) are offered for those who would like to earn CEUs. The Summer Institute will be at the University of South Florida Tampa, **July 23-26, 2024**, from 9 am to 4 pm ET. To register, go to [Summer Institute | Workshops & Trainings | Educational Interpreter Project | University of South Florida](#). For questions, contact Jennifer Francisco at jmfrancisco@usf.edu.

Job Vacancies

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

FDLRS PAEC, an Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (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 **June 3, 2024**, or until filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to https://www.paec.org/site/teach_nwfl/paec_jobs/. For questions, contact Toyka Holden at Toyka.Holden@paec.org.

Position Available in the FDLRS Island Coast Associate Center

FDLRS Island Coast, an IDEA-funded state project, is seeking a technology specialist. FDLRS Island Coast serves both Lee and Collier Counties. The full job description can be viewed at [Specialist, Exceptional Student Education \(FDLRS Assistive Technology\)](#). All applicants must apply on the [School District of Lee County's website](#), to be considered for the position. The application is open until filled. For questions, contact Dr. Deidre Phillips at deidremp@leeschools.net or 239-337-8127.

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

ISRD, an IDEA-funded state project, is seeking a coordinator for the 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.

Action Items

2023-2024 Exceptional Student Education (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 four districts this week by size that have, thus far, shown to have the highest response rate for the 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey. **Congratulations Hillsborough (very large), Pasco (large), Hernando (medium) and Lafayette (small) districts!** 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.

Informational Items

House Bill (HB) 1317 – Patriotic Organizations

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [HB 1317 – Patriotic Organizations](#).

New BEESS Team Members

Instructional Support Services (ISS) Unit

The ISS unit is pleased to welcome Ms. Bethany Bland in the role of parent services specialist. Ms. Bland is from Missouri and graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She was a certified teacher for the past five years. In her free time, she likes to read, travel and explore nature with her husband and dog. With a passion for helping others, Ms. Bland is eager to contribute her expertise and collaborate with colleagues to drive success and is excited about the opportunities ahead.

Tip of the Week

Use Handy Tracking System to Achieve Compliance

This summer, set up a tracking system to record receipt of parental consent for evaluations and timelines for completion of the evaluations. Make sure all evaluators are aware of and will meet the deadlines for each student. Follow-up with the evaluators regarding the statuses of the evaluations before your timelines expire. ([Special Ed Connection®](#))

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