



## Weekly Memo

### Events Coming Soon

#### **Working With the Experts: Visually Impaired (VI) – Technology for Students with Visual Impairments**

The Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI) is offering “Working with the Experts – VI: Technology for Students with Visual Impairments” on **December 12-13, 2024**, in Orlando. Whether you are ready to learn basic JAWS skills or refine them, you will not want to miss the Fall Working with the Experts, which will focus on JAWS and refreshable braille displays. There will be a variety of presenters to provide sessions that will feature an introduction to intermediate screen-reader skills, hands-on exploration of various refreshable braille displays and more. To learn more and to register, go to the [FIMC-VI Working with the Experts Fall 2024 website](#). For questions, contact Tiffany Conrad at [tconrad@fimcvi.org](mailto:tconrad@fimcvi.org).

#### **2025 Prekindergarten (Pre-K) Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Contacts’ Conference**

Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS), an Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)-funded state project, is pleased to announce the 2025 Pre-K ESE Contacts’ Conference, focusing on improving child outcomes. The conference will be in Orlando on **February 25 and 26, 2025**. The target audience for this conference is the district Pre-K ESE contacts. To register, go to the [2025 Pre-K Contacts’ Conference Registration](#). For questions, contact your TATS regional facilitator at [TATS Regions Map](#).

### Job Vacancies

#### **Positions Available in the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) PAEC Associate Center**

FDLRS PAEC, an 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 open until it is filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to [PAEC Jobs web page](#). For questions, contact Toyka Holden at [Toyka.Holden@paec.org](mailto:Toyka.Holden@paec.org).

## Informational Items

### Learning Ally Updates

From Thanksgiving, all the way into 2025, Learning Ally is here to support reading. Visit the [Learning Ally Florida December Newsletter](#) for book suggestions and to register for the Spotlight on Dyslexia Diving Deeper session with Dr. Terrie Noland. The Great Reading Games will also start in January, but students can begin to earn Boost Up Points from December 2 to 31, 2024. For more information and resources, visit the Florida Department of Education's (FDOE) [Just Read, Florida!](#) website.

### Amendments to Rules 6A-6.053 and 6A-6.0533, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [amendments to Rules 6A-6.053 and 6A-6.0533, F.A.C.](#)

## Tip of the Week

### Have Each Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Team Member Pause for Parent Input.

Parents have the right to meaningfully participate in IEP team meetings. To afford parents that right, team leaders should consider having each school-based team member presenting information at the meeting pause intermittently to allow the parent to ask questions, state concerns, and make recommendations. ([Special Ed Connection](#)<sup>®</sup>)

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