

A Parent's Guide to Access Points, Access Courses, and Resources



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This guide contains an overview of some of the resources available at www.floridastandards.org for parents of a student with a significant cognitive disability. These include the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points, available instructional resources, and access courses.

The information available on this site can help you become more involved in your child's education. We encourage you to visit this website at your convenience.

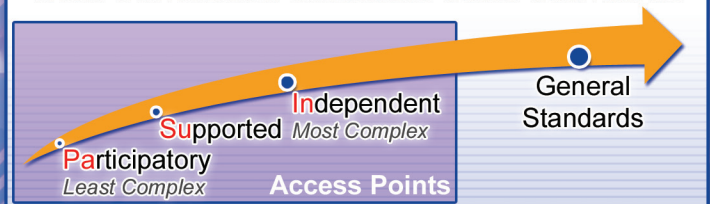
Please contact your school district's exceptional student education (ESE) office for more information.

What Are Access Points?

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards Access Points:

- Drive the curriculum, instructional strategies, and assessment
- Reflect the key concepts of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards with reduced levels of complexity
- Ensure access to the standards that apply to all students in the same grade
- Are written to three levels of complexity: participatory, supported, and independent

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards



How Can I Locate the Access Points?

From the home page (www.floridastandards.org):

- Select "**Standards Information System**" from the menu bar at the top of the page.
- Select "**Access Points**" tab.
- Select desired "**Subject Area**" using the drop-down menu.

Additional drop-down menus are available to narrow your search.

School or District Contact:



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How Can I Download and Print Access Points?

From the home page (www.floridastandards.org):

- Select the “**Download & Print Reports**” from the menu bar at the top of the page (This menu allows you to download Microsoft Word® documents or print reports of the standards, access points, and glossary.).
- Select Subject and Report desired.

How Can I Locate the Course Descriptions for the Access Courses?

From the home page (www.floridastandards.org):

Select the “**Course Information System**” from the menu bar at the top of the page. Using the drop-down menus:

- For **Section**, select “**Exceptional Student Education.**”
- For **Grade Group**, select desired grade group.
- For **Subject**, select “**Academics-Subject Areas.**”
- For **Course**, scroll and select desired course that includes “Access” in the title.

What Are Related Instructional Resources?

Related instructional resources are educator-submitted resources, such as lesson plans, educational games, virtual manipulatives, or websites that support the teaching of an access point or benchmark. These resources have been aligned by content professionals and expert teachers. Not all access points or benchmarks have related instructional resources.

What Are Training Modules?

Professional development modules on accessing the general education curriculum have been developed for general audiences. These modules provide foundational information related to Access Points and Access Courses.

How Can I Locate Related Instructional Resources?

When resources are available, a “**Related Instructional Resources**” link will be provided with the access point or benchmark.

From an Access Point (see directions for locating Access Points):

- Select the “**Related Instructional Resources**” link.
- Select a resource(s) from the list of resources provided.

How Can I Locate Training Modules Related to Access Points?

From the home page (www.floridastandards.org):

- Select the “**Support Resources/Feedback**” from the menu bar at the top of the page.
- Select the “**Training Modules**” tab.

What Are Access Courses?

Access courses are those courses that have been designed for students who are being provided instruction in the access points. These courses have been intentionally designed to foster high expectations and promote access to the general education curriculum.

Access Courses:

- Are setting neutral and, therefore, are applicable regardless of educational setting
- Provide students with differentiated opportunities to master grade-level access points
- Show clear connections to life’s activities

The Access Course Descriptions become the operational document for the purpose of developing and providing lessons as well as the anchor for related instructional resources and strategies.

What Are Access Points Tutorials?

Access Points Tutorials provide “show me” information on using features on www.floridastandards.org, such as locating Access Points, Access Courses, and Access Training Modules.

How Can I Locate Tutorials Related to Access Points?

From the home page (www.floridastandards.org):

- Select “**Support Resources/Feedback**” from the menu bar at the top of the page.
- Select the “**Tutorials**” tab.
- Select a tutorial from the list of tutorials.