

BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

DECEMBER 10, 2021

Weekly Memo

Action Items

Notice of Rule Development

To view the draft and submit comments for the following rule, go to https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/:

 Rule 6A-1.09441, Florida Administrative Code, Requirements for Programs and Courses Which are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation

Working with the Experts (WWE) for Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physical Therapists (PT)

WWE announces the opening of the biennial needs assessment. We are asking for assistance in disseminating the information below to exceptional student education directors, OT and PT coordinators, OTs, PTs and assistants. The data collected are critical in guiding future project activities. Please respond only once, we anticipate it will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey will be live from **December 5, 2021, to January 8, 2022**. Thank you for your assistance. To view the survey, go to https://survey.fgcu.edu/Survey.aspx?s=bc332565d224 4736a8de7c02a9470743. For questions, contact Peg Sullivan at msulliva@fgcu.edu.

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) Department Alumni Expert Panel

FSDB is excited to host weekly panel discussions, activities, and question and answer sessions with a panel of alumni experts from the Blind Department. Session 1 is focused on students ages 11 through 14 and will run from **January 5 to February 9, 2022**. These meetings will take place on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. EST. The first introductory session is required and all others can be chosen by topic. For sessions, dates and to register, go to https://bit.ly/FSDBWowWednesday or view the Expert Panel flyer at https://files.constantcontact.com/81614a2f501/fe46f93a-dbf4-4abe-ab27-760794a35f7b.pdf.

FSDB Virtual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Interactive Learning Series Winter 2022

FSDB is excited to continue the Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series for children ages 3 through 14 who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH) or who are blind or have visual impairments (BVI). Students who have an active individual educational plan with DHH or BVI as their primary exceptionality are eligible to register for these exciting sessions. This learning series will be on **January 15, 2022**, and is open to all eligible students, including FSDB-enrolled students. The virtual ECC sessions are available at no cost, and all registered children will receive materials delivered to their homes for participation via live conferencing and engaging online classroom

activities. Certified teachers who have experience working with students who are DHH or BVI will lead each lesson. For sessions, dates, ages, times and to register, go to https://bit.ly/FSDBECCwinter or view the learning series flyer at https://files.constantcontact.com/81614 a2f501/350457b3-0067-44a7-a20a-ae62f113a34b.pdf.

Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference 2022

The Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference 2022, "Improving Child Outcomes through the COS [Child Outcome Summary] Process," is scheduled to be held in a face-to-face format on **March 2 and 3, 2022**. The conference will be held in Orlando. Registration is open for the district prekindergarten contact and one prekindergarten classroom teacher. For more information and to register, go to https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0k36wjhaAFqp9tQ. For question about registration, contact Wanda Wint at 407-823-3058.

Florida Missing Children's Day Statewide Essay Contest

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding the Florida Missing Children's Day statewide essay contest. Each school's winning essay must be submitted by **March 4, 2022**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9408/dps-2021-188.pdf.

National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the National Missing Children's Day poster contest. Those schools interested in participating must submit their posters for state-level judging, postmarked by **February 18, 2022**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9409/dps-2021-189.pdf.

Informational Items

2022-23 Statewide Assessment Schedule, 2023-24 Preliminary Schedule Release and Uniform Assessment Calendar Updates

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the 2022-23 Statewide Assessment Schedule, the 2023-24 preliminary schedule release and the uniform assessment calendar updates. To view the memorandum, go to https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9407/dps-2021-174.pdf.

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