

BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

JUNE 13, 2025

Weekly Memo

Rule Activity

Notices of Proposed Rules

These rule revisions are scheduled for the State Board of Education meeting on **July 16, 2025**. To view the following final proposed rules and submit comments, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) <u>State Board Rules Under Review</u>:

- Rule <u>6A-1.09422</u>, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring System and Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements
- Rule <u>6A-6.03022</u>, F.A.C., Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Eligibility for Students with Dual Sensory Impairments
- Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C., District Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan

Notices of Rule Development

The following rules will have a rule development workshop on **June 24, 2025**, at 2:00 p.m. Participants may join via the <u>virtual link</u>. To submit comments for the following rules, go to the FDOE State Board Rules Under Review:

- Rule <u>6A-6.03028</u>, F.A.C., Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities
- Rule <u>6A-6.03029</u>, F.A.C., Development of Individualized Family Support Plans for Children with Disabilities Ages Birth Through Five Years
- Rule <u>6A-6.03030</u>, F.A.C., ESE Eligibility for Infants or Toddlers Birth Through Two Years Old who have Established Conditions
- Rule <u>6A-03031</u>, F.A.C., ESE Eligibility for Infants and Toddlers Birth Through Two Years Old who are Developmentally Delayed
- Rule <u>6A-6.0331</u>, F.A.C., General Education Intervention Procedures, Evaluation, Determination of Eligibility, Reevaluation and the Provision of ESE Services
- Rule <u>6A-6.03311</u>, F.A.C., Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities

Action Items

The Institute of Small and Rural Districts (ISRD) Will Now be Serving Staffing Specialists

We kindly ask all member districts served by ISRD to complete the <u>staffing specialist contact form</u> for each of their staffing specialists by **June 30**, **2025**. This information is essential for ISRD to effectively plan for the upcoming year.

Job Vacancies

Position Available in the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Administrative Project

FDLRS Administrative Project, an Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-funded state project, is seeking a coordinator for virtual instruction. The application is open until filled. To view the full job description and apply, go to the Putnam County School District Employment web page, click on current job openings and select "COORDINATOR, VIRT INST, FDLRS." For more information, see the attached documents. For questions, contact Sallie Payne at paynes@nefec.org.

- Filename: Vacancy Notice for Coordinator Virtual Instruction FDLRS Admin
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Professional Learning

2025 Summer Training Institute on Autism

Educators, service providers, families, students and all individuals with an interest in autism are welcome to participate in this virtual three-day Training Institute on Autism on **June 17-19, 2025**. The Training Institute is designed to prepare attendees to understand the social communication, behavioral and learning characteristics of children and adults with autism spectrum disorder. Attendance is at no cost, but registration for each individual day is required. Visit the 2025 Summer Training Institute-on Autism web page for more information and registration instructions.

Informational Items

Senate Bill 356 Holocaust Remembrance Day

FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>Senate Bill 356</u>. See the memo for more information.

Florida Advanced Course and Test (FACT) College Algebra

FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding <u>FACT College Algebra</u>; attachment A, <u>FACT College Algebra</u>; attachment A, <u>FACT College Algebra</u>; attachment A, <u>FACT College Algebra</u>;

Tip of the Week

Do Not Sugarcoat Progress Reports

Be as honest and as accurate as possible when writing students' progress reports. If you mince words with respect to a student's performance, the parents may be blindsided when they see more data or hear teacher input at the next individual educational plan team meeting. (Special Ed Connection®)

Patricia Bodiford Bureau Chief



APPLICATION OF POSITION VACANCY

Putnam County Public Schools

200 Reid Street Palatka, Florida 32177

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE: <u>Coordinator, Virtual Instruction, FDLRS Administration</u>

JOB LOCATION: NEFEC (This position is with the statewide FDLRS Administration Project located at the North East Florida Educational Consortium. (The position will be housed at the most appropriate location)

DATE OF VACANCY: Immediately

JOB DESCRIPTION: See Attached

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Exceptional Student Education, General Education, Technology and/or Instructional Design, or a related field; Valid Florida teaching certificate. Certification in ESE required; Minimum of five (5) years teaching experience. ESE preferred; Significant professional experience in virtual professional learning, webinars, technology incorporation, media production, and communication strategies; Minimum of five (5) years of experience in delivery of services to education professionals through workshops, training of trainers or curriculum resources; Proficient in instructional technology including tools to support online learning; Valid Florida Driver's License; Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screening.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced skills in professional learning development and facilitation, assistive and instructional technology, website design and programming, and virtual platforms.

Pay Grade 7 – salary placement range \$61,425 - \$75,000

ONLY SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED
INTERVIEW TO BE SCHEDULED WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEAD:
Sallie Payne

VETERANS PREFERENCE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

HOW TO APPLY: Complete a Putnam County District School Board online application.

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Applications will not be accepted after the application deadline.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – EMPLOYMENT</u>: Discrimination on the basis of religion, race, national origin, color, handicap, sex, age, marital status, or parental status is prohibited in the recruitment, hiring, assigning, promotion, paying, demoting, or dismissal of employees of the District School Board of Putnam County.

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FOR CURRENT POSITIONS VISIT http://www.putnamschools.org

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

NORTH EAST FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

COORDINATOR, VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION, FDLRS ADMINISTRATION

JOB DESCRIPTION

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *(1) Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Exceptional Student Education, General Education, Technology and/or Instructional Design, or a related field.
- *(2) Valid Florida teaching certificate. Certification in ESE required.
- *(3) Minimum of five (5) years teaching experience. ESE preferred.
- *(4) Significant professional experience in virtual professional learning, webinars, technology incorporation, media production, and communication strategies.
- *(5) Minimum of five (5) years of experience in delivery of services to education professionals through workshops, training of trainers or curriculum resources.
- *(6) Proficient in instructional technology including tools to support online learning.
- *(7) Valid Florida Driver's License.
- *(8) Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screening.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the design and delivery of distance learning programs including FDLRS' Professional Development Alternatives (PDA) and technology resources. Ability to work cooperatively with individuals and groups. Ability to develop concepts and ideas and relate them in both written and oral form. Ability to organize and conduct meetings and workshops. Experience developing and using online courses and professional development. Knowledge of current trends and research in all areas of exceptional student education, issues related to exceptional education curriculum, instructional techniques, regulations, statutes, policies, services and procedures affecting individuals with disabilities. Knowledge and experience in the effective use of web authoring tools and learning management systems. Ability to design, create and deliver content in a variety of instructional delivery formats while utilizing effective instructional strategies and design principles that meet Section 508 and ADA compliance. Experience in project development, administration and supervision, and/or interagency coordination. Knowledge and experience in managing budgets. Ability to manage a complex workload, prioritize tasks, and use good judgment in providing services based on goals.

REPORTS TO:

FDLRS Administration Project/Administrator of ESE Special Projects

JOB GOAL

To provide vision and leadership in the area of online learning, resources, and professional development by coordinating the efforts of content experts, current technology and media through the creation and improvement of virtual and face-to-face delivery methods pursuant to the mission and services of the Florida Department of Education and NEFEC.

SUPERVISES: NA

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Service Delivery

- *(1) Provide overall coordination of established project activities, under the direction of the Project Administrator, with an emphasis on Professional Development offerings and virtual instruction.
- *(2) Coordinate programs and services with Administrator of ESE Special Projects, Advisory Boards and established councils to meet identified project goals.

COORDINATOR, VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION, FDLRS ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

- *(3) Develop, conduct and/or facilitate professional development activities related to exceptional student education programs, services and project goals, including development of virtual professional development and online courses as well as face to face.
- *(4) Provide technical assistance in leadership, online instruction, and programming related to ESE activities and services.
- *(5) Coordinate planning to involve DOE, staff, agencies, districts, university and other agency personnel as directed by the Administrator of ESE Special Projects.
- *(6) Plan, initiate, conduct and evaluate project activities related to exceptional student education.
- *(7) Follow the direction of the Administrator of ESE Special Projects to maintain all financial and budgetary matters.
- *(8) Facilitate the updating, maintaining and utilization of online professional development courses and communication tools including websites and LiveBinders.
- *(9) Provide direction, coordination, and oversight for the FDLRS virtual learning opportunities including the management, evaluation, and improvement of the program and its components under the direction of the FDLRS Administrator.
- *(10) Coordinate the development of online learning resources and tools to meet specific training needs related to requests by the FDLRS Network.
- *(11) Coordinate the development of professional development resources and materials to meet specific training needs related to requests by the FDLRS Network as well as DOE initiatives.
- *(12) Oversee media production for professional development and instructional purposes.
- *(13) Plan, coordinate, and produce training and support resources for FDLRS Network and end-users.
- *(14) Provide direction, coordination, and oversight for the FDLRS website and its effectiveness as a resource for all stakeholders.
- *(15) Provide direction and support to network functions and associate centers.
- *(16) Maintain FDLRS Outcome Database and provide technical assistance and training on the web application.

Inter/Intra-Agency Communication and Delivery

- *(17) Review and coordinate activities with other state and exceptional student education initiatives.
- *(18) Work effectively through collaboration and coordination with Advisory Committees, Network Workgroups, oversight committees, DOE personnel and state, regional and local contacts.
- *(19) Establish and maintain lines of communication with appropriate DOE personnel, district and community personnel relative to the established project goals and activities to ensure information exchange, coordination and support, including use of websites and online collaboration tools.
- *(20) Use effective communication strategies to interact with a variety of audiences.
- *(21) Coordinate technical support and maintenance including with interoffice personnel as needed to support project goals and objectives.
- *(22) Serve on, state and interagency committees or councils related to instructional technology, distance learning and assigned programs and projects as determined by Administrator of ESE Special Projects.
- *(23) Respond to inquiries and concerns in a timely manner.
- *(24) Keep supervisor informed of potential problems or unusual events.

Professional Growth and Improvement

- *(25) Facilitate, present, plan and attend state and national conferences and meetings relevant to exceptional student education.
- *(26) Coordinate and collaborate with DOE, statewide networks and University personnel to assist in professional development preparation in the area of exceptional student education.
- *(27) Facilitate the development, implementation and evaluation of staff development activities.
- *(28) Keep well informed about trends and best practices in ESE, leadership and virtual instruction.

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- *(29) Maintain a network of peer contacts in related fields.
- *(30) Maintain expertise in assigned areas to fulfill project goals and objectives.
- *(31) Set high standards and expectations for self and others.
- *(32) Promote and support the professional growth of self and others.
- *(33) Attend training sessions, conferences and workshops related to project goals and to remain current in virtual instruction, universal design for learning, differentiated instruction, instructional and assistive technology, and exceptional student education.
- *(34) Develop annual goals related to project implementation.
- *(35) Establish and maintain lines of communication with appropriate personnel, district and community personnel relative to the established project goals and activities to ensure information exchange, coordination and support.

Systemic Functions

- *(36) Provide accurate and appropriate record keeping for continuous accountability and documentation of project activities designed to achieve various project objectives.
- *(37) Establish and manage all financial and budgetary matters for assigned projects and grants as determined by Administrator of ESE Special Projects.
- *(38) Assist Administrator of ESE Special Projects in maintaining appropriate coordination among the multiple programs that work collaboratively in a service group to deliver the services throughout the FDLRS Network.
- *(39) Develop products related to project goals and activities.
- *(40) Prepare or oversee the preparation of all required reports in a timely manner.
- *(41) Adequately plan all program and organizational functions within reasonable timeframes.
- *(42) Promote a culture of service by exhibiting proactive interaction, assistance and support all stakeholders.
- *(43) Assist in maintaining appropriate coordination and communication among all agencies that work collaboratively providing services related to project goals.

Leadership and Strategic Orientation

- *(44) Assist in the development of activities designed to achieve priority goals identified in the project.
- *(45) Provide leadership and vision for virtual learning and technology integration as it pertains to all internal and external stakeholders.
- *(46) Assist in the development of activities designed to achieve priority goals identified by the project and by NEFEC.
- *(47) Use appropriate strategies and problem-solving tools to make decisions concerning planning, utilization of funds, delivering of services and evaluation of activities.
- *(48) Provide leadership, direction and coordination of initiatives, which support the specified project goals and objectives.
- *(49) Coordinate oversight committee and support teams to ensure the achievement of project goals.
- *(50) Demonstrate initiative in the performance of assigned responsibilities.
- *(51) Provide oversight and direction for cooperative planning with other agencies.
- *(52) Perform other tasks consistent with the goals and objectives of this position.
- *(53) Use appropriate interpersonal styles and methods to guide individuals and groups toward positive change or task accomplishment.
- *(54) Demonstrate initiative in identifying potential problems or opportunities for improvement and take appropriate action.

Worksite Service Standards

- *(55) Exhibit a positive and flexible attitude.
- *(56) Foster and develop a professional image.

COORDINATOR, VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION, FDLRS ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

- *(57) Demonstrate effective communication and collaboration with external stakeholders as well as coworkers.
- *(58) Exhibit compassion and humility.
- *(59) Promote a passion for learning and growing.
- *(60) Demonstrate initiative.
- *(61) Exhibit the ability to multitask and problem solve.
- *(62) Translate organizational purpose into observable behavior.

Assessment and Other Services

- *(63) The use of the adopted performance appraisal system to improve practice.
- *(64) The accurate and timely filing of all applicable reports.
- *(65) The completion of professional development activities as appropriate

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Light Work: Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force as frequently as needed to move objects. Must be able to do extensive driving.

Job Description Supplement 03

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Twelve months, Eight hours per day.

Compensation based on Pay Grade 7.

EVALUATION: Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the NEFEC policy on the evaluation of personnel.

^{*}Essential Performance Responsibilities