



Weekly Memo



Professional Learning

Florida Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (FLPBIS) Project

The FLPBIS Project is offering a series of [statewide professional learning opportunities and virtual technical assistance sessions](#) for educators supporting tiered behavioral and resiliency supports at the district or school level. View the attached documents for more information on the new Fall Tier 3 canvas course professional learning opportunity and new options for virtual technical assistance series for Tier 3 for this year. All virtual technical assistance sessions throughout the year will be recorded and posted in the [Online Chat Binder](#) for viewing.

- Filename: Tier 3 Brief Flyer Fall 2025
- Filename: Tier 3 Virtual Technical Assistance Office Hours

Events Coming Soon

Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) 2026 Winter Leadership Institute

The Florida CASE 2026 Winter Leadership Institute will be held from **January 20 to 22, 2026**, in Altamonte Springs. The deadline to make hotel reservations is **January 5, 2026**. See the [Florida CASE 2026 Winter Leadership Institute](#) web page for conference and hotel registration information and the attached flyer for the draft agenda. For questions, contact Dr. Rosalind Hall at drrosalind1@gmail.com.

- Filename: Draft CASE 2026 Winter Conference Agenda

Informational Items

Designation of 2024-2025 Schools of Excellence

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued a memorandum regarding the [designation of 2024-2025 Schools of Excellence](#). See the memo for more information.

Amendments to Rule 6A-1.0995, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Form of High School Diplomas and Certificate of Completion, and Rule 6A-1.09963, F.A.C., High School Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [amendments to Rules 6A-1.0995, and 6A-1.09963, F.A.C.](#). See the memo for more information.

Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards, for Social Studies Access Points-Alternate Academic Achievement Standards (AP-AAAS) Grades K-12

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding revisions to [Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.](#), and updates regarding the *Access Personal Finance and Money Management* course (#7921023). See the memo for more information.

Parent Pamphlet: Frequently Asked Questions about AP-AAAS and Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA)

The FDOE has released a pamphlet for parents that addresses frequently asked questions regarding AP-AAAS and FAA. To view the pamphlet, go to [Parent Pamphlet: FAQs about AP-AAAS and FAA](#).

Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) 20th Anniversary Rebranding

In celebration of TATS's 20th anniversary, BEESS and TATS are excited to announce a fresh new look coming in October 2025. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-funded state project formerly known as TATs will have a new name, logo and website. The updated name represents TATS's continued commitment to supporting the education of exceptional prekindergarten students and ensuring access to high-quality supports for programs that serve prekindergarten children with disabilities. While their name has changed, TATS's dedication to innovation, collaboration, and impact remains stronger than ever. See the attached flyer for details and information about the changes being made.

- Filename: PESE Introduction Flyer with Emails

August 2025 data for restraint incidents submitted to the Involuntary Examination, Restraint, and Seclusion (known as IERS) web application is now available. The data have been posted to the [Program Accountability, Assessments & Data Systems web page](#) and can be located by scrolling down to the section titled "SWD Restraint Data – SY 2025-26," and selecting the appropriate month. Pursuant to section 1003.573(8), Florida Statutes, (F.S.). "The department shall maintain aggregate data of incidents of restraint and disaggregate the data for analysis by county, school, student exceptionality, and other variables, including the type and method of restraint used. This information shall be updated monthly, deidentified, and made available to the public through the department's website.

2025 Disability History and Awareness Weeks

Signed into law in 2008, [section 1003.4205, F.S.](#), Disability History and Awareness Instruction, requires Florida school districts, to designate the first two weeks of October as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks." The 2025 Florida Legislature passed, and Governor DeSantis signed into law on May 20, 2025, [House Bil \(HB\) 447](#). HB 447 became effective on July 1, 2025, and provides a list of topics by grade for districts planning to participate in disability history and awareness instruction. During these two weeks, schools can provide intensive instruction to students to expand their overall knowledge, understanding and awareness of individuals with disabilities; the history of disability; and the disability rights movement.

With less than a week until the start of Disability History and Awareness Weeks, BEESS is asking districts to begin identifying any events or learning opportunities planned for the first two weeks of October and submitting ideas for planned events to DOEBEESS@fldoe.org. **Be sure to include specifics such as event details and dates, if possible.**

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Coburn, senior educational program director, at Jennifer.Coburn@fldoe.org.

2024-2025 Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Accountability

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [2024-2025 Summer VPK Program Accountability](#). See the memo for more information.

School Safety - Changes to Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C.

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C.](#). See the memo for more information.

Part-Time, Nondegreed Teachers of Fine and Performing Arts

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [part-time, nondegreed teachers of fine and performing arts](#). See the memo for more information.

Tip of the Week

Ask Students About Their Accommodations

If parents raise concerns that their child is not receiving accommodations, you may conduct classroom observations and teacher interviews. Just do not forget to interview the student when possible. The student can tell you if they had to finish a test at the same time as everyone else or had to sit in the back rather than the front of the class. ([Special Ed Connection®](#))

Patricia Bodiford
Bureau Chief



For more information, contact
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Now
Available



Tier 3 Brief Training

*Supporting Brief Functional Assessment and
Behavior Intervention Planning*

Five Training Modules with case studies (approximately 3 hrs. content & 45-60 minutes on activities)

- Building on to Tier 2 Systems for Tier 3
- Behavior Basics
- Functional Behavior Assessment & Behavior Intervention Plans
- Evaluating and Coaching Behavior Intervention Plans
- Monitoring Tier 3 Effectiveness

Includes two
1-hour
check-ins
with FLPBIS
TA Specialists

Resources

- *Sample Agendas*
- *Fillable Progress Monitoring Forms*
- *Efficient Prevent-Teach-Reinforce Template*

Are you part of a school that...has been previously trained in Tier 2 with FLPBIS (>1 year ago) and are currently implementing Tier 2 systems **OR** have evidence of Tier 2 Systems in place according to readiness and district recommendation. Then join us for FLPBIS'

Tier 3 Brief FBA/BIP Training - Fall 2025 Cohort

October 16, 2025 through December 11, 2025

Required Zoom sessions will be held 10:00 – 11:00 AM EST / 9:00 – 10:00 AM CST as follows:

- Orientation: Thursday, October 16, 2025
- First Check-In (FBA): Thursday, November 13, 2025
- Final Check-in (BIP): Thursday, December 11, 2025

***Contact your PBIS District Coordinator for more information. Readiness requirements are due by October 2, 2025**

Tier 3 Virtual Technical Assistance Office Hours

Starting Fall 2025



flpbis.org

TIER 3 THINK TANKS

Who: Anyone supporting Tier 3 Interventions

What: Open-ended topic and forum to let participants guide the session related to their specific Tier 3 needs.

When: Oct. 28th (10AM EST)
Jan. 20th (1PM EST)
April 21st (1PM EST)

[REGISTER
NOW FOR
THINK
TANKS](#)



TIER 3 TA CHATS

Who: Anyone wanting to learn more about Tier 3 Interventions

What: Focused topics related to Coaching Classrooms for Supporting Intensive Tier 3 Needs and Preventing Restraint

When: Dec. 16th (10AM)
March 24th (10AM)

[REGISTER NOW
FOR TIER 3
COACHING
CLASSROOM
SUPPORTS](#)



[REGISTER NOW FOR
TIER 3 SYSTEMS:
PREVENTING
RESTRAINTS](#)



CASE CONSULTATION

***Who:** Only for persons who previously participated in the *FLPBIS Tier 3 FBA/BIP Brief Course*

What: Participants can ask questions related to their application of the Brief FBA/BIP. FLPBIS staff will provide coaching supports and feedback to applied cases.

When: Nov. 18th (1PM) and Feb. 17th (10AM)

***Invitation Only via Email**





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FLORIDA CASE 2026 Winter Leadership Institute

January 20-22, 2026

Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
350 Northlake Blvd
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-5297

Florida CASE Winter Leadership Institute 2026

“Celebrating 50 Years of IDEA-Honor the Past and Shape the Future”

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

1:00 PM- 1:10 PM	Welcome-
1:10 PM- 2:30 PM	Special Education Law Update
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Refreshment Break/ Gallery Walk
3:00 PM-4:30 PM	Special Education Law Update
4:30 PM	Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

7:00AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00-8:15 AM	Welcome-
8:15-9:15 AM	“Keynote Speaker”
9:15AM-10:00AM	Break, Gallery Walk, and Networking
10:00AM-11:30AM	“National ESE Legal/Law”
11:30AM-12:45PM	Luncheon
12:50PM-1:50PM	“National ESE Legal/Law”
1:50PM-2:15PM	Networking
2:30PM-4:00 PM	“ESE Discipline Procedures”
4:00 PM	Adjourn

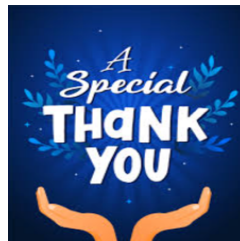
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

7:00AM - 8:15AM	Breakfast Buffet and Networking
8:15AM – 9:15 AM	Florida Bills & Legislation
9:15AM – 9:45 AM	Break/Check-Out
9:45 AM- 11:45 AM	Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES) Updates
11:45-11:50 PM	Grand Prize Giveaway
11:50 PM-12:00 Noon	Closing remarks

SAVE THE DATE:
Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute
June 8-11, 2026
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa



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**New
Name!**



**New
Logo!**

**Prekindergarten Exceptional Student Education
Technical Assistance & Training System**

This updated name represents their continued commitment to supporting prekindergarten exceptional student education and ensuring access to high-quality supports for programs that serve prekindergarten children with disabilities.

Visit the new website: TBD

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