BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

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BEESS Weekly Memo

Rule Updates

Notices of Rule Development

The following rules will have a rule development workshop on **November 6, 2026**. Participants may join via the virtual links listed in the notices. To view the drafts, if available, and submit comments for the following rules, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) State Board Rules Under Review:

- Rule 6A-1.0017, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
- Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C., Education Records

Events Coming Soon

2027 Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Winter Leadership Institute

Florida CASE will be hosting the 2027 Winter Leadership Institute on *Breaking Barriers* from **January 12 to 14, 2027**, at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs. To register for this event, visit the Florida CASE 2027 Winter Leadership Registration Webpage. The deadline for registration is **December 28, 2026**.

- Filename: Winter CASE Registration

Statewide Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (E/BD) Contacts' Meeting 2026-27

The Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) Administration project, in collaboration with local SEDNET projects, is hosting two virtual statewide E/BD Contacts' meetings and one in-person meeting. Please register in advance for the virtual meetings. The dates and times of the 90-minute virtual meetings are as follows:

- **October 30, 2026**, at 10 a.m. ET; October Virtual Meeting Registration
- **December 9, 2026**, at 10 a.m. ET; December Virtual Meeting Registration

The in-person meeting dates are **April 29, 2027**, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ET and **April 10, 2026**, 8:30 a.m. to noon ET. Additional information will be forthcoming. Please contact Dr. Charlene Grecsek at cgrecsek@usf.edu with any questions.

Action Items

2028 Florida Teacher of the Year Nominations

FDOE issued a memorandum regarding 2028 Florida Teacher of the Year Nominations; and attachment A, The 2028 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year Timeline for Selection. See the memo for more information.

2027 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and the 2027 Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award Nominations

FDOE issued a memorandum regarding 2027 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership and the 2027 Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award Nominations; attachment A, The Florida Department of Education 2027 Principal of the Year Timeline for Selection; and attachment B, The Florida Department of Education 2027 Assistant Principal of the Year Timeline for Selection. See the memo for more information.

2027 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Nominations

FDOE issued a memorandum regarding 2027 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Nominations; and attachment A, The 2027 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Timeline for Selection. See the memo for more information.

Informational Items

Amendments to Rule 6A-1.09414, F.A.C., Course Requirements – Grades PK-12 Exceptional Student Education

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Designation of 2025-2026 Schools of Excellence

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Call for State Expert Reviewers for the 2027-2028 Florida Instructional Materials Adoption Cycle – K-12 Social Studies

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Save the Date – 2027 Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support Summer Professional Learning Events

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Tip of the Week

Set Up Weekly Meeting to Review the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 504 Referrals

When the school year gets hectic, child find can easily slip through the cracks. To prevent this, consider setting up a weekly meeting with your school psychologists, Section 504 coordinators and case managers to review pending referrals and requests for evaluations. (Special Ed Connection®)

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Breaking Barriers

January 12-14, 2027

Hilton/Orlando Altamonte Springs

Florida CASE Board looks forward to seeing you! Monday, December 28th is the deadline to make your reservation, subject to availability.

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REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS