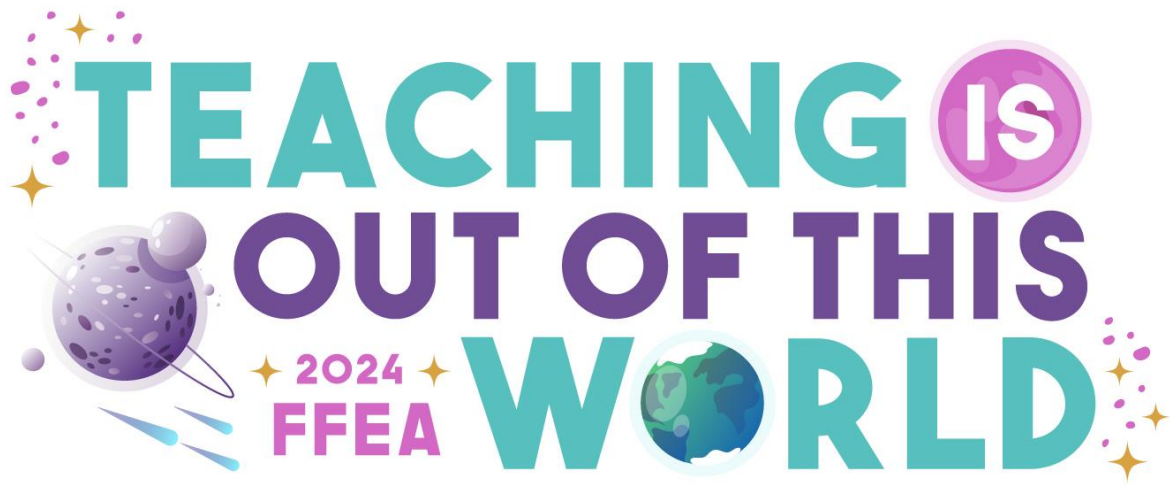


**Florida Future Educators of America  
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# **Education Research Competition**



FLORIDA FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA 2024 STATE CONFERENCE

# Education Research Competition Entry Form

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Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

District

Zip Code

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Category:    High (\_\_\_\_)                      Postsecondary (\_\_\_\_)

**The undersigned certify that the Education Research Presentation was designed by student members.**

**Chapter President** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Advisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# FFEA Education Research Competition

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## OVERVIEW:

This is a chapter competition. Chapters will develop a PowerPoint presentation to provide information which highlights the importance of early learning and how it can impact a child's academic career.

## TOPIC:

- Early learning is the critical period from birth to about age 5 when the brain develops most rapidly, and children are building the foundation for learning. According to the Division of Early Learning, roughly half of Florida's children start Kindergarten behind. Describe the importance of early learning and how it can impact a child's academic career.

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Each chapter may submit only one presentation.
- Presentations are to be created by student members.

## GUIDELINES:

- Collaborate as a chapter to research the importance of early learning. Describe the importance of early learning and how it can impact a child's academic career.
- Use the information collected in the research to create a persuasive PowerPoint presentation.
- The persuasive PowerPoint presentation should deliver the team's research findings and recommendations.
- Length: 5-25 slides; points will be deducted for PowerPoint presentations that do not meet the length requirement.
- Include a title slide with the title of your project and school name.
- Include a credits slide with the student creators, sponsoring teacher(s), and the source of any non-original, multimedia elements (images and sounds).
- Include cited references and a work cited slide (MLA, APA, or Chicago style are acceptable).
- Only one submission per chapter is permitted.

## SCORING:

- The presentation will be scored using the attached rubric. The maximum total number of points possible is 16.
- The top five winners will be announced during the closing session on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

**\*Please note: Both high school and postsecondary entries will be scored within the same category based on the attached rubrics.**

## DEADLINE:

- Submit the completed entry form and final presentation using the following link: [2024 FFEA Education Research Competition Submission](#) no later than **Friday, December 8, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

## FFEA Education Research Competition Scoring Rubric

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 16

Is the school name clearly identified?

**YES      NO**

Are the sources identified on a Works Cited slide (MLA, APA, or Chicago style)?

**YES      NO**

***If you answered "no" to any of the questions above, do not continue with the scoring process.***

Points Available	Accomplished 4	Commendable 3	Developing 2	Needs Improvement 1
<b>Content</b>	The content of the slides reflects professional-caliber thoroughness. The images and text are expertly leveraged to share research and recommendations.	The content of the slides reflects student-level quality. The images and text show a commitment to sharing facts and recommendations.	The content of the slides reflects compliance. The images and text are used at a basic level, which is not effective for sharing facts and recommendations.	The content of the slides reflects an inconsistent focus. The images and text distract the audience from the facts and recommendations.
<b>Insight</b>	The presentation reflects in-depth understanding and striking insight into all elements of the issue. The depth of research is apparent throughout the presentation.	The presentation offers useful ideas that warrant further exploration. The presentation explores many but not all elements of the issue.	The presentation offers basic ideas that would have benefited from much further research. The presentation does not explore many elements of the issue.	The presentation offers ideas that are flawed or partially developed. The presentation is incomplete.
<b>Research</b>	The presentation makes informed, evidence-based recommendations by referencing at least three well-chosen sources of information.	The presentation makes informed, evidence-based recommendations by referencing two well-chosen sources of information.	The presentation makes recommendations by referencing one source of information.	The paper makes limited or no connections to relevant research.
<b>Impact</b>	The presentation's professional-caliber and highly persuasive exploration of the issue and explanation of recommendations delivers maximum impact and understanding.	The presentation's student-level quality and the explanation of the issue and recommendations results in understanding.	The presentation demonstrates effort. The issues and recommendations are not fully developed and distract from the overall understanding.	The presentation demonstrates inconsistent effort. The issues and recommendations are poorly developed resulting in a lack of understanding.

Is the PowerPoint presentation between 5-25 slides?    **YES    NO (If no, subtract 2 points from total score)**