



Weekly Memo

Action Items

2023 Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards (CBRA)

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued a memorandum regarding the [2023 CBRA](#). Contact information for the person from your district must be submitted by **April 14, 2023**, and the CBRA 2023 Nomination Form must be submitted by **April 28, 2023**, per the instructions in the memo.

Florida Civics and Debate Initiative Now Accepting Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [Florida Civics and Debate Initiative](#), which is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year (SY). There will be a webinar on **April 19, 2023**, to provide information about the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative and answer any questions. See the memo for the time and the link. The Florida Civics and Debate Initiative Participation Request SY 23-24 must be submitted by **May 5, 2023**, per the instructions in the memo.

Working with the Experts (WWE) – Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Strategic and Interactive Writing Instruction (SIWI)

The Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (RMTCDH) is pleased to announce Working with the Experts (WWE) – Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Strategic and Interactive Writing Instruction (SIWI). SIWI is an evidence-based framework for writing instruction specifically designed for students who are DHH. For more information regarding this evidence-based framework, go to the [SIWI Research web page](#). SIWI is comprised of the following three main principles:

- Strategic instruction rooted in cognitive theories of composing,
- Interactive instruction based on sociocultural theories of teaching and learning, and
- Metalinguistic knowledge and linguistic competence drawn from language acquisition theory.

The training will be provided virtually on the afternoons of **May 15–19 and May 22–25, 2023**. For the agenda for synchronous session times, see the attached document. For more information and to register, go to the [Working with the Experts: Strategic and Interactive Writing Instruction \(SIWI\) web page](#). For questions, contact Carmelina Hollingsworth at c.hollingsworth@rmtcdhh.org.

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Rule 6A-1.0943, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Statewide Assessments for Students with Disabilities, and Assessment Participation

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding [Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C., Statewide Assessments for Students with Disabilities, and Assessment Participation](#).

ESE Prekindergarten Endorsement Contact Updates

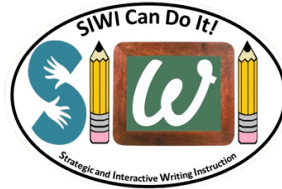
BEES is providing updated contact information regarding the prekindergarten disabilities endorsement memorandum, which was released on June 5, 2013. District staff can obtain a password to view the content by contacting LeNita Winkler, program specialist, Prekindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities, at Lenita.Winkler@fldoe.org (note revised email address). Electronic copies of the Prekindergarten Disabilities Endorsement District Add-On Plan must be submitted for approval to Rivka Wohlgemuth, program specialist, Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Teacher Recruitment, at Rivka.Wohlgemuth@fldoe.org.

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Module	Date	Mode	Time
Module 1	Complete by 5/15	Asynchronous	15 min
	Complete by 5/15	Asynchronous	1 hour 40 min
	Session 1: Meeting on 5/15 (Monday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 4:30 PM ET / 2:30 – 3:30 PM CT
Module 2	Complete by 5/16	Asynchronous	2 hours 50 min
	Session 2: Meeting on 5/16 (Tuesday)	Synchronous	5:00 – 6:30 PM ET / 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Module 3	Complete by 5/17	Asynchronous	3 hours
	Session 3: Meeting on 5/17 (Wednesday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 5:00 PM ET / 2:30 – 4:00 PM CT
	Complete by 5/18	Asynchronous	3 hours
	Session 4: Meeting on 5/18 (Thursday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 5:00 PM ET / 2:30 – 4:00 PM CT
Module 4	Complete by 5/19	Asynchronous	1 hour 40 min
	Session 5: Meeting on 5/19 (Friday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 4:30 PM ET / 2:30 – 3:30 PM CT



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Module 5	Complete by 5/22	Asynchronous	2 hours 50 min
	Session 6: Meeting on 5/22 (Monday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 4:30 PM ET / 2:30 – 3:30 PM CT
	Session 7: Meeting on 5/23 (Tuesday)	Synchronous	5:00 – 6:30 PM ET / 4:00 – 5:30 PM CT
Module 6	Complete by 5/24	Asynchronous	1 hour 30 min
	Session 8: Meeting on 5/24 (Wednesday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 5:00 PM ET / 2:30 – 4:00 PM CT
Module 7	Complete by 5/25	Asynchronous	1 hour
Module 8	Complete by 5/25	Asynchronous	35 min
Module 9	Complete by 5/25	Asynchronous	25 min
Module 10	Complete by 5/25	Asynchronous	10 min
	Session 9: Meeting on 5/25 (Thursday)	Synchronous	3:30 – 4:30 PM ET / 2:30 – 3:30 PM CT