

FOIL Fall 2024 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, December 12, 2024		Orlando Lake Mary Marriott	
TIME	CONTENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION
7:30am - 5:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS/EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast		
8:30am - 8:50am	FOIL Welcome/ Platinum Partners Recognition	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	Main Ballroom
8:50am - 12:20pm	Opening General Session Florida Department of Education Updates	Led by FDOE Team	
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Breakout Session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Update * Building Resiliency in Florida’s Students * Student Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Statewide Standardized Writing Assessments * Pathways to the Education Profession * Supports for English Language Learners to Maximize Outcomes 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
2:45pm - 3:45pm	Breakout Session #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Update * Literacy Policy and Initiatives to Support Florida Educators in Improving Student Achievement * Accountability 101 * Pathways to the Education Profession * Federal Percent of Points Progression and Student Support 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Breakout Session #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Parentally Placed Private School Students * State Initiatives: New Worlds Reading + Florida Tutoring Advantage * Accountability 101 * Hexagonal Hacks: Connecting the Dots with the New Computer Science Standards * Federal Percent of Points Progression and Student Support 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
5:00pm - 7:00pm	RECEPTION (Grand Terrace)		

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TIME	CONTENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION
7:00am - 8:00am	BREAKFAST		
7:00am - 1:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS / EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakout Session #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School Safety Legislation Update; House Bill 1473 * Building a Bridge to Skilled Literacy Through Reading and Writing Connections * Social Studies Standards Revisions and Course Updates * Mastering Mathematics: Transformative Coaching Conversations * The Office of Professional Practices Services Reporting 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
9:15am - 10:15am	Breakout Session #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Florida Model Threat Management: Updates and Compliance Issues * Building a Bridge to Skilled Literacy Through Reading and Writing Connections * Empowering School Leaders: Strengthening K-12 Civics Education Through Strategic Support and Professional Learning * Unlocking Success: B.E.S.T. Practices for Mathematics Interventions * The Office of Professional Practices Services Reporting 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
10:15am - 10:30am	Mid-Morning Refreshments		
10:30am - 10:35pm	Gold Sponsor Recognition	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	
10:35am - 12:00pm	Closing General Session FDOE Assessment and Accountability Updates	Led by FDOE Team	Main Ballroom
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (On Your Own)		

FOIL Fall 2024 Breakout Sessions Details

Session Topic #1

School Safety Legislation Update; House Bill 1473

This session will provide school administrators with current information relating to their role in school safety, including the new requirements outlined in House Bill 1473.

Presented by: Darren Norris, Vice Chancellor of School Safety, Office of Safe Schools

Session Topic #2

Florida Model Threat Management: Updates and Compliance Issues

This presentation will provide school and district administrators updates relating to threat management training and documentation, to include common issues with school-based threat management teams discovered during compliance inspections.

Presented by: Angie Chesser, Deputy Director, Office of Safe Schools

Session Topic #3

Accountability 101

The Bureau of Accountability Reporting will provide an overview of the annual cycle of processes it manages, focusing on key activities and timelines. This session is designed for individuals newly appointed to accountability roles within their district. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the critical processes involved in data collection and reporting, as well as the responsibilities and expectations associated with maintaining district accountability.

Presented by: Justin Tarin, Chief, Bureau of Accountability Reporting, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement

Session Topic #4

Student Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Statewide Standardized Writing Assessments

In spring 2024, Department staff and contractors responsible for scoring statewide writing assessments observed instances of some students submitting AI-assisted responses to FSA ELA Writing Retakes and B.E.S.T. Writing prompts, which is expressly prohibited during statewide assessment administrations. Attendees will be offered insights into how the responses were discovered, and additional steps to be taken beginning in spring to identify and investigate these testing irregularities.

Presented by: Susie Lee, Chief, Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment; Vince Verges, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement

Session Topic #5

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Update

Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten for all 4-year-olds regardless of family income. Since the program began in 2005-06, more than 2.6 million children have benefited from the VPK program. Data collected by the Department of Education shows that children who participate in VPK are more likely to enter kindergarten ready for school, setting children on a path to learn, graduate and succeed. This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the VPK program, including all new VPK policies established last legislative session to better support early learning educators, families and Florida's youngest learners.

Presented by: Cari Miller, Chancellor of Early Learning

Session Topic #6

Pathways to the Education Profession

In this session, participants will leave with resources and information on new pathways to the education profession. Participants will learn about the varying pathways and how each may be accessed by a school district or charter school. In addition, best practices and learnings on pathway implementation will be shared.

Presented by: Dr. Josey McDaniel, Chief, Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention

Session Topic #7

Social Studies Standards Revisions and Course Updates

This session will prepare participants for the implementation of new and revised social studies standards in several different content areas. Participants will immerse themselves in the newest social studies standards, deepen their knowledge of the standards adoption process, and develop strategies for facilitating instruction the new standards and benchmarks.

Presented by: Timothy MacGregor, Director, Office of Social Studies and the Arts

Session Topic #8

Empowering School Leaders: Strengthening K-12 Civics Education Through Strategic Support and Professional Learning

School leaders will gain valuable insights into civics and government standards, equipping them with the knowledge to drive student success while exploring impactful upcoming professional learning opportunities. Participants will receive information on how to register for the Civics Seal of Excellence Endorsement and how it can enhance their instructional processes in the classroom. This session is focused on the importance of K-12 civics education and understanding how to utilize specific resources to support teachers and increase student mastery. Participants will see how civics and government benchmarks can be applied throughout multiple content areas and how the Regional Civics Literacy Directors and Coaches can support teachers and schools with targeted support, to include one-on-one teacher coaching, school and district based professional learning, and other events.

Presented by: Civics Regional Directors: Tyler Eastridge, Traci Mulitsa, Kenneth Chestnut, and Lauren Kappler

Session Topic #9

Mastering Mathematics: Transformative Coaching Conversations

In this session, participants will leave fully equipped with best practices for supporting the learning and teaching of the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics, including the Mathematics Formula for Success. Participants will also discuss and share coaching strategies.

Presented by: Courtney Starling, Director, Office of Mathematics and Sciences

Session Topic #10

Unlocking Success: B.E.S.T. Practices for Mathematics Interventions

In this session, participants will leave fully equipped with best practices for providing mathematics interventions for students who have been identified as having a substantial deficiency in early mathematics skills for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Programs (VPK) and a substantial deficiency in mathematics for Grades K-4. Participants will also learn about the latest resources available from the Department to support teachers, parents and students in mathematics.

Presented by: Courtney Starling, Director, Office of Mathematics and Sciences

Session Topic #11

Hexagonal Hacks: Connecting the Dots with the New Computer Science Standards

In this session, participants will learn about Florida's new computer science standards and courses. Participants will also discuss best practices in implementing the new standards and courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

Presented by: Whitney Gaddis, K-12 Computer Science, Office Mathematics and Sciences

Session Topic #12

The Office of Professional Practices Services Reporting

In this session, participants will gain a better understanding of who and what should be reported to the Office of Professional Practices Services. This will include what will be in the reporting packets, timeliness of reporting, and how to avoid reporting errors. This session will also help build awareness on how to support your staff by reviewing recent cases and will review the Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida. Participants will receive updates about the background screening clearinghouse maintained by the Agency for Health Care Administration and a timeline for implementation.

Presented by: Randy Kosec, Chief, Office of Professional Practices

Session Topic #13

Building Resiliency in Florida's Students

This session will focus on updates to the Resiliency resources and an overview of the results from the first administration of the Florida-Specific Youth Survey. Participants will learn more about how these resources and results can inform supports for students in their schools in building Resiliency.

Presented by: Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement

Session Topic #14

Federal Percent of Points Progression and Student Support

In this presentation, the Bureau of School Improvement Field Team will discuss the Federal Percent of Points Index (FPPI) timeline and its impact on schools with underperforming students. The presentation will provide districts with an opportunity to work through a solution-minded approach to improving student performance.

Presented by: Dustin Sims, State Executive Director, Bureau of School Improvement, Angie Mahone, State Assistant Director, Bureau of School Improvement

Session Topic #15

Supports for English Language Learners to Maximize Outcomes

This session will focus on supports for ELLS, including use of the English Language Development (ELD) Standards to enhance classroom practices and parent engagement in the educational process.

Presented by: Dustin Sims, State Executive Director, Bureau of School Improvement; Dr. Raydel Hernandez, Chief, Bureau of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition

Session Topic #16

Parentally-Placed Private School Students

This presentation introduces the new Technical Assistance Paper (TAP) from the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES) titled Parentally-Placed Private School Students with Disabilities. Designed for parents, educators, and school administrators, it covers essential information about supporting students with disabilities in private school settings. Key topics include definitions, child find procedures and timelines, consultation requirements, available exceptional student education and related services, development of service plans and calculation of proportionate share funding. This session aims to clarify processes, rights, and resources to ensure services for eligible students in private schools.

Presented by: Patricia Bodiford, Senior Educational Program Director for Instructional Support Services, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Session Topic #17

Building a Bridge to Skilled Literacy Through Reading and Writing Connections

The B.E.S.T. ELA Standards have been written in such a way that the reading and writing benchmarks progress together. To increase literacy skills for all students, instruction should be designed to recognize and utilize this connection. In this session, participants will deepen their understanding of the reciprocity between reading and writing and reflect on the systems they have in place to support this connection.

Presented by: Paige Michael, Executive Director of State Regional Literacy Directors; Dr. Iris Borghese, Lead State Regional Literacy Director; Dr. Jacqueline Carey, Lead State Regional Literacy Director

Session Topic #18

Literacy Policy and Initiatives to Support Florida Educators in Improving Student Achievement

In this session, the FDOE literacy staff will provide information regarding current policy and initiatives that will support educators with improving literacy achievement statewide.

Presented by: Lindsey Brown, Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement; Michelle Barash, Executive Director of Just Read, Florida!; Paige Michael, Executive Director of State Regional Literacy Directors

Session Topic #19

State Initiatives: New Worlds Reading + Florida Tutoring Advantage

During this session participants will learn about the New Worlds Reading FREE book delivery and engagement opportunities to support eligible VPK – 5th grade children and families. We will also provide an overview of the current status of the Florida Tutoring Advantage program, the new statewide tutoring initiative with the proposed Plan, Prepare and Pilot model. The team will share components of the project and implementation updates.

Presented by: UF Lastinger Center for Learning, Erika Fritz-Ochs, Engagement Manager for New Worlds Reading Initiative; Dr. Shana Rafalski, Assistant Director for Florida Tutoring Advantage

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