



Certification News

Buddy Schofield, Director
Elementary & Secondary Education

The School Board of Dixie County
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Cecile Stemple
Certification Coordinator

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Need HELP with Certification?

If you have questions or concerns relating to Florida teacher certification, please contact Instructional Services at 498-6140 or email Buddy Schofield or Cecile Stemple.

FTCE Fees Increase

In May 2009 the State Board of Education amended **Rule 6A-4.001, FAC** to include an increase in registration fees for the FTCE program. **Computer-Based Testing is available for ALL FTCE/FELE Tests!**

Visit www.fl.nesinc.com for details about registering for a computer-based a test at a convenient time and location.

Paper-Based Testing Administration Dates **REGULAR ADMINISTRATION**

<u>Registration Deadlines*</u>	<u>Administration Dates</u>
September 3, 2010	October 23, 2010

***Late and emergency registration is available for an additional charge.**

SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION

<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Administration Dates</u>
November 19, 2010	December 4, 2010

Reminder

Visit www.fl.nesinc.com
or call (413) 256-2893

(Press 9 to speak to a customer service representative).

General Knowledge Test - 1st Time Registration

\$130.00

General Knowledge Test – Retake Registration

\$150.00

Professional Education Test – 1st Time Registration

\$150.00

Professional Education Test – Retake Registration

\$170.00

Subject Area Examination – 1st Time Registration

\$200.00

Subject Area Examination – Retake Registration

\$220.00

<http://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcefees.asp>

Educator Certification

Don't Forget to Renew

Your valid certificate is your license to teach. The majority of our teachers renew through inservice points. If all of your renewal requirements are complete, you may renew a professional during the final year of your current validity period (you will be notified when you are in the final year of your current validity period). **Cecile Stemple** will notify you via email when all inservice documentation for renewal has been received/approved and will provide you with renewal forms and directions for renewal. The cost to renew is \$75.00 and all teachers **MUST** renew through the district. The following includes all of the routes for renewing a certificate:

- **College Coursework** – At least 6 semester hours of college credit earned within the validity period of the Professional Certificate. College credit must be earned from an accredited institution and an official transcript must be submitted. A grade of at least of "C" must be earned.
- **Inservice Points** – 120 inservice points earned within the validity period of the Professional Certificate.
- **Subject Area Exam** – A passing score on the subject area examination *for the subject shown on the certificate* is equivalent to 3 semester hours of college credit. There is no limit on the number of examinations that may be taken during one validity period.
- **National Board Certification** – A National Board of Professional Standards (NBPTS) will renew all corresponding areas shown on the Florida certificate.
- **College Teaching** – A course taught at the college level is the same as a course taken at the college level for renewal. Verification of the course name, prefix, number, semester hours and dates taught must be submitted by the Registrar on the college letterhead.

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Termination Prevention

- If you hold a temporary certificate, the state law requires that you submit **a passing score of all sections of the General Knowledge examination within your first year of employment.**
- If you are a **new teacher, teach at a Title I school, and hold a temporary certificate, you must also submit a passing score of your subject area examination** before you will be eligible to be renewed in your position.
- If your **Florida Temporary/Professional Educator Certificate expires June 30, 2011**, all

- of your certification requirements must be completed and returned to Instructional Services prior to **Friday, June 10, 2011.**

IN-COUNTY Eligibility Process for Receiving Staff Development/Inservice Points

When you attend staff development/inservice training you must complete the following procedure to become eligible to earn hours/points:

- A roster of participation will be provided for the participant to sign at the beginning of the workshop/training, remember to sign the roster as documentation that you attended the training.
 - Upon completion of the training, the facilitator of the training will sign the roster and give the roster to the principal or his/her designee at the school site where the training was conducted.
 - The completed roster, which indicates names and total hours of the training will be sent from the school site to Cecile Stemple at Instructional Services for posting/processing.
 - The roster will be entered into our human resources database. **However, this does NOT mean that you are eligible to earn hours/points for the training at this point.**
 - To become eligible to receive hours/points for a training that you've attended you must document follow-up (support) activity.
 - The follow-up activity can be documented by several methods that are indicated on a Dixie County Schools Inservice Follow-up form (copies of the follow-up form are housed at each school site or contact Cecile Stemple at Instructional Services for a copy). *Documentation from a teacher's lesson plans is the most common follow-up/support method used in our school district.*
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- For Example:**
- A teacher attends a 6-hour workshop, signs a roster as proof of attendance and the roster has been sent to Instructional Services processed/posted.
 - To be eligible to earn **ANY** hours/points for this workshop, the teacher must complete a follow-up form and provide at least one hour of follow-up/support activity (1 hour of documentation that the skills he/she acquired from the initial training were implemented into his/her curriculum in the classroom).
 - Upon receipt of the completed follow-up form at Instructional Services the teacher will be eligible for 6 hours/points from the initial training and 1 hour/point of follow-up for a total of 7 hours/points for this workshop.

- **REMEMBER** - to be eligible for **ANY** inservice points all supporting documentation must be completed and received by Instructional Services for processing.
- In addition, if a teacher attends the same 6 hour workshop, he/she will become eligible to earn a maximum of 12 hours for the total training (*the number of follow-up hours can not exceed the number of hours of the initial training*). This would be accomplished by the teacher using the same method of follow-up documentation as indicated in the above bullet. The difference would be that the teacher would need to document a total of 6 hours of follow-up activities from their lesson plans. Six hours of initial training plus 6 hours of follow-up for a maximum total of 12 hours/points.
- Lastly, when supporting documentation has been received at Instructional Services it will be reviewed and approved by Buddy Schofield, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education. If Mr. Schofield requires additional documentation from the teacher before he/she is eligible to receive inservice hours/points, he will return the documentation to the teacher and address what must be corrected for them to be eligible to receive the hours/points requested.

As our school district continues its transition from TERMS to Skyward, please have patience with the posting of Professional Development for a few weeks. Thanks SO much, Cecile ☺

2010-2011 Administrative/Instructional Personnel Changes

Anderson Elementary School

Michael Thomas, Principal
Kristen McCaskill, Assistant Principal
Meagon Cannon, Kindergarten
Aimee St. Laurent, 2nd Grade
Jennifer Frost, 3rd Grade
Roy "Rocky" Bray, 5th Grade
Casey James, Speech

Old Town Elementary School

Chris Lord, Assistant Principal
(Open), Guidance Counselor
Danielle Rosson, Remediation Teacher

Ruth Rains Middle School

Roger Storey, Principal
Alexa Mills, Assistant Principal
Jana O'Neal, Read 180
Heather Class, Agriculture

Dixie County High School

Diana Locke, Principal
Donna Goodson-King, English
Dale Joslin, Math
Rambabu Kastala, Math
Garry Durham, Reading Coach
Candace Valentine, Reading Remediation
John W. Kenton, P.E.
Jessica Ross, P.E.

OTEC

**Paul Bennett
Teacher on Special Assignment**

Instructional Services

**Faith Hill, Director of Student Services & ESE
Denee Hurst, Director of Curriculum
Buddy Schofield, Director of Elementary & Secondary Ed.
Laura Wigglesworth, District Bookkeeper**

Finance Office

**Terri Jenkins, Payroll/Benefits Specialist
Valerie Henson, Payroll Coordinator**

Early Release Days

(2010-2011 School Year)

- September 15, 2010**
- October 13, 2010**
- November 3, 2010**
- January 26, 2011**

**Dixie District Schools
(Philosophy)**

“Our schools will provide a quality learning environment by providing opportunities through educational planning and community partnerships that ensure student success.”

*A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes
itself to light the way for others.*

*We hope you have a great year!
Please contact ISB if we can be of
assistance.*



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