

Florida Department of Education (FDOE)
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
Regarding Renewal Credits for Schools of Excellence Experience
Section (s.) 1003.631(2)(c), Florida Statutes
June 15, 2018

- Q-01. Which instructional personnel at the School of Excellence are eligible for the twenty (20) inservice points— those who were employed during 2016-2017 or current employees?
- A-01. Instructional personnel are eligible for the twenty (20) inservice points if they are employed under written contract for the school year during which the school is designated as a School of Excellence.
- Q-02. Are school administrators at a School of Excellence eligible for the twenty (20) inservice points?
- A-02. No. School administrators at designated Schools of Excellence are not eligible for the twenty (20) inservice points renewal credit for the professional certificate. This administrative flexibility for designated Schools of Excellence grants renewal credit to “instructional personnel,” a term defined distinctly separate from administrative personnel, educational support employees, or managers as defined in s. 1012.01, F.S.
- Q-03. Are the inservice points that are earned for employment bankable at a School of Excellence?
- A-03. No. Statutory authority in s. 1012.585(3)(d), F.S., only permits “banking” for required training in the teaching of reading, and teaching students of limited English proficiency or students with disabilities.
- Q-04. Are instructional personnel employed at a School of Excellence under a temporary certificate eligible to earn the inservice points for credit to satisfy renewal of their first professional certificate?
- A-04. No. School of Excellence points may be earned only for the year(s) during which the school receives the designation during the validity period of the educator’s professional certificate, as per Rule 6A-4.0051(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code.
- Q-05. Must instructional personnel be rated effective or higher to be eligible for the twenty (20) inservice points toward renewal for employment at a designated School of Excellence?
- A-05. No. Performance evaluation results are not a statutory factor in determining eligibility for this administrative flexibility for designated Schools of Excellence.
- Q-06. For tracking and reporting purposes, what professional development component number should be used for the inservice points earned via Schools of Excellence employment?
- A-06. Districts will use the following component numbers for inservice points awarded under a Master Inservice Plan (MIP) to recognize service at a designated School of Excellence:
- For the 2017-2018 school year, FUNCTION 8 = General Support; FOCUS AREA 506 = General Support Services, Unclassified; SEQUENTIAL NUMBER NNN= Sequence Number selected by district (8 506 NNN).
 - For 2018-2019 school year, FUNCTION 8 = General Support; FOCUS AREA 521 = Schools of Excellence; SEQUENTIAL NUMBER 001 (8 521 001).