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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
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FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock, Chancellor

DATE: February 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Changes To Course Offerings For Students With Disabilities

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The Florida Department of Education is pleased to announce the addition of Access Courses for students with significant cognitive disabilities. We are currently in the process of revising the rule governing special diploma requirements, so changes may be made in the future. We suggest you share this information with schools in your district as soon as possible.

Access courses have been designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities. These courses are aligned with grade-level expectations and foster high expectations. Mathematics and science access courses have been developed for grades K-12 and are available for the 2010-2011 school year. Social studies and language arts access courses will be available for the 2011-2012 school year. The health and physical education access courses will be added in upcoming years. As these courses are phased in, the current exceptional student education (ESE), academic courses will be phased out. The schedule for this transition is attached.

Information on teacher certification and highly qualified teacher (HQT) requirements for teachers involved in the various service delivery/scheduling methods for students with disabilities has been consolidated into section one of the 2010-2011 Florida Course Code Directory (CCD). It may be found in Section 1, page 13 of the CCD. The link to this site is <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/CCD/files/CCDNarrative1011.pdf>.

ESE teachers are required to meet HQT requirements for the ESE core academic subjects they teach. For grades, K-6 ESE teachers must meet HQT requirements for elementary education. For grades 7-12, they must meet HQT for the core academic subject, unless the level of instruction provided to the student is at the elementary (K-6) level. In this circumstance, the HQT requirements for elementary education apply. When ESE teachers are teaching basic education courses, the certification for that course number applies.

DR. FRANCES HAITHCOCK
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Attachment

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Timeline for Implementation of Access Courses for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

2010-2011 School Year

- Addition of the Following Courses:
 - 7712015 Access Math Grade K
 - 7712020 Access Math Grade 1
 - 7712030 Access Math Grade 2
 - 7712040 Access Math Grade 3
 - 7712050 Access Math Grade 4
 - 7712060 Access Math Grade 5
 - 7720015 Access Science Grade K
 - 7720020 Access Science Grade 1
 - 7720030 Access Science Grade 2
 - 7720040 Access Science Grade 3
 - 7720050 Access Science Grade 4
 - 7720060 Access Science Grade 5
 - 7812015 Access M/J Math 1
 - 7812020 Access M/J Math 2
 - 7812030 Access M/J Math 3
 - 7820015 Access M/J Comprehensive Science 1
 - 7820016 Access M/J Comprehensive Science 2
 - 7820017 Access M/J Comprehensive Science 3
 - 7912060 Access Informal Geometry
 - 7912070 Access Liberal Arts Math
 - 7912080 Access Algebra 1A
 - 7912090 Access Algebra 1B
 - 7920011 Access Chemistry 1
 - 7920015 Access Biology 1
 - 7920020 Access Earth/Space Science
 - 7920025 Access Integrated Science 1
- Incoming 9th graders will be the last cohort to use the ESE 9-12 math and science, and the supported and participatory level ESE courses K-12.

2011-2012 School Year

- Addition of Access Courses in the Following Subjects:
 - Social Studies
 - English/Language Arts
- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7712010 Math K-5
 - 7720010 Science K-5
 - 7755030 Academic Skills: K-5
 - 7755050 Developmental Skills: K-5
- Incoming 9th graders will be the last cohort to use the ESE 9-12 English, reading, and social studies courses.

2012-2013 School Year

- Addition of Access Courses in the Following Subjects:
 - Physical Education/Health
- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7710010 Language Arts: K-5
 - 7710020 Reading: K-5
 - 7710030 Communications: K-5
 - 7710040 Spelling: K-5

- 7710050 Writing: K-5
- 7721010 Social Studies: K-5
- 7855030 Academic Skills: 6-8
- 7855050 Developmental Skills: 6-8
- 7812010 Math: 6-8
- 7820010 Science: 6-8

2013-2014 School Year

- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7715010 Physical Education: K-5
 - 7810010 Language Arts: 6-8
 - 7810020 Reading: 6-8
 - 7810030 Communications: 6-8
 - 7821010 Social Studies: 6-8
 - 7821020 Social Studies and Career Planning: 6-8

2014-2015 School Year

- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7815010 Physical Education: 6-8
 - 7910390 Life Skills Communication: 9-12
 - 7910400 Life Skills Reading: 9-12
 - 7912050 Math: 9-12
 - 7912340 Life Skills Math: 9-12
 - 7920010 Science: 9-12
 - 7961010 Academic Skills for Functional Living
 - 7961020 Communication Skills for Functional Living
 - 7961030 Personal and Home Skills for Functional Living
 - 7961040 Leisure and Recreation Skills for Functional Living
 - 7961050 Community and Social Skills for Functional Living
 - 7962010 Cognitive and Linguistic Skills
 - 7962020 Life Sustaining and Environmental Interaction Skills
 - 7962030 Leisure/Recreation Skills for Improvement of Quality of Life
 - 7962040 Developmental-Functional Motor and Sensory Skills

2015-2016 School Year

- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7910100 Reading: 9-12
 - 7910110 English: 9-12
 - 7921010 Social Studies: 9-12

2016-2017 School Year

- Deletion of the Following Courses:
 - 7915010 Specially Designed Physical Education