

Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Updates
June 11, 2024





# **2024 Legislative Updates**



### **2024 Education Legislation**

### Disclaimers:

- Some bills have not been signed by the Governor yet.
- The budget is not signed yet.
- Bills may have different effective dates.
  - Most are effective July 1, 2024, if signed, but there can be other important dates within the bill that start or stop a provision.
- This overview will not include all provisions of each bill.
- Assessment and Accountability legislation will be covered in tomorrow's general session.



### **2024 Legislative Session Overview**

- January 9 March 8, 2024.
- 1,902 bills filed.
- 1,325 bills had the potential to affect public education, local educators, students, and/or parents.
- 325 bills passed both chambers.
- 38 education-related bills passed both chambers.
- 28 education-related bills have been signed by the Governor, as of May 14, 2024.



# House Bill 1473 – School Safety signed

- Establishes new school perimeter and door safety requirements effective August 1, 2024.
- The FDOE Office of Safe Schools (OSS) is tasked with the development and adoption of a Florida school safety compliance inspection report to be used by OSS and the district school safety specialists to document compliance.
- Provisions related to the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program are modified.
- Within the first five days of each school year, each district school board and charter school governing board must ensure that instruction on the use of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as FortifyFL is provided to students.
- Rule 6A-1.0018, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), will be updated.



# House Bill 917 - Career and Technical Education signed

- Provides flexibility to satisfy annual high school career fair requirement.
- District school boards may consult with local workforce development boards, advisory committees, and business groups to determine free or cost-effective methods to provide other career and industry networking opportunities during the school day for secondary students and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a representative variety of industries, businesses, and careers.
- A student who earns credit upon completion of 1 year of related technical instruction for an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program registered with FDOE may use such credit to satisfy the high school graduation credit requirements for "fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or career and technical education" or electives.



# **Student Advising Changes**

- HB 1403 School Choice signed
  - Specifies transfer requirements for personalized education program
     (PEP) students that may transfer to a traditional middle or high school.
- SB 1688 Career-themed Courses signed
  - Requires school districts to inform students and parents during course selection for middle school of the career and professional academy or career-themed course available within the district.



### **Student Advising Changes**

### HB 1285 signed

- Requires each school district and charter school to provide students in grades 11 and 12 an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) during normal school hours and consult with a military recruiter if the student selects.
- Requires district school boards to make reasonable efforts to enter into dual enrollment articulation agreements with a Florida College System institution that offers online dual enrollment courses.

### SB 7004 signed

- Provides that performance contracts for Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) are optional and at the discretion of the principal.
- Allows a candidate who has filed a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment pursuant to section (s.) 1003.21(1)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to take the high school equivalency examination after reaching the age of 16.



# **School Improvement Changes**

#### HB 1285 signed

- Adds criteria for Charter turnaround option plans (TOP) to include time for evaluation of the educational program and personnel before assuming full operational control.
- Requires the State Board to adopt rules that include a standard charter turnaround contract, a standard facility lease, and a mutual management agreement.

#### SB 7004 signed

• Authorizes the State Board to allow a school that has received a community partnership grant additional time to implement a community school model for purposes of school turnaround.

#### SB 7002 signed

- Defines "inexperienced teacher" for the purposes of assignment to "D" and "F" schools, as a teacher who has been teaching for three years or less.
- Provides that collective bargaining provisions may not preclude school districts from using federal funds to provide incentives for assigning high-quality teachers to low-performing schools.
- Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C., will be updated.



### **Dropout Prevention Changes**

### HB 1285 signed

- Allows district school boards to assign disruptive students to a disciplinary program or an alternative school setting or other program.
- Prevents students from being placed in a program solely because the student has a disability.
- Requires each student enrolled in a dropout prevention and academic intervention program to have an academic intervention plan developed to address eligibility for placement and to provide individualized student goals and progress monitoring procedures. Such plan must be consistent with the student's IEP, if applicable.

### HB 1285 signed/SB 7002 signed

- Allows a method other than certified mail to be agreed upon for written parent notification of placement of a student in a dropout prevention and academic intervention program. Also applies to notification of suspension (SB 7002).
- Rule 6A-6.0521, F.A.C., will be updated.



# Senate Bill 7032 – Education signed

- Establishes the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE)
   Program.
- Targets people aged 16-21 who have already dropped out of the K-12 system and want to earn a credential.
- During the exit interview of a student dropping out of high school, a certified school counselor or other school personnel shall inform them of opportunities to continue their education in a different environment, including, but not limited to, adult education, high school equivalency examination preparation, and the new GATE Program.



### **DJJ Education Changes**

### SB 7004 signed

- Removes the requirement for prevention, day treatment, and residential programs to administer appropriate academic and career assessments at program entry and exit that are selected by the FDOE in partnership with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and district school boards.
- Removes requirement to test within 10 days of entering and exiting a DJJ program and repeals the common student assessment, which is used for such purposes.
- Removes a series of graduated sanctions for district school boards whose educational programs in DJJ programs are considered to be unsatisfactory and for instances in which district school boards fail to meet standards prescribed by law, rule or policy.
- Rules 6A-1.099822 and 6A-6.05281, F.A.C., will be updated.
- Rules 6A-1.099812 and 6A-1.099813, F.A.C., will be repealed.



# **Teacher Apprenticeship Program Changes**

#### HB 5101

• Eliminates the requirement for Teacher Apprenticeship Program applicants to pass a subject area exam.

#### • SB 7002

- Adjusts the cumulative Grade Point Average from 3.0 to 2.5 for admissions to align with other pathways.
- Requires a commitment to spend at least the first two years in the classroom with a mentor teacher.
- Requires completion of at least the first two years in apprenticeship before being eligible to apply for professional certificate.
- Amends the minimum mentor teacher qualification from seven years teaching experience in Florida to five years.
- Rules 6A-4.0012, 6A-4.004 and 6A-5.067, F.A.C., will be updated.



# House Bill 523 – Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program signed

- The Florida Seal of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who has:
  - earned a standard high school diploma;
  - successfully completed at least three year-long courses in dance, music, theatre or the visual arts with a grade of "A" or higher in each course, or earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a grade of "A" or higher in each course; and
  - met two additional criteria listed in statute.
- FDOE may prescribe additional criteria.
- A new rule is in development and Rule 6A-1.0995, F.A.C., will be amended.



# House Bill 1361 – Math and English Language Arts (ELA) signed

- Allows districts to receive grants for artificial intelligence subscription fees and professional learning to support and accelerate learning in grades 6-12 during the school day.
- Expands the New Worlds Scholarship Accounts to include eligible students enrolled in a
   Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program and requires parental notification for eligible students.
- Clarifies use of the most recent statewide, standardized assessment if these data are utilized to determine eligibility for New Worlds Scholarship Accounts and the New Worlds Reading Initiative.
- Expands pool of potential tutors for the New Worlds Scholarship Accounts.
- Requires the FDOE to provide progress monitoring data for PreK-12 students who are eligible for specified programs to the University of Florida (UF) Lastinger Center for Learning within 30 days after the close of each progress monitoring window.
- Establishes the New Worlds Tutoring Program to support school districts and schools in improving student achievement in reading and mathematics.
- Rules 6A-6.053 and 6A-6.0533, F.A.C., will be updated.



### **Summer Bridge Program**

#### HB 5101

- Requires that a VPK student who scores below the 10th percentile on the final
  administration of the CSPM system be referred to the local school district and be
  eligible for early literacy skill instructional support through a summer bridge program
  before participating in kindergarten.
- This program shall include four hours of instruction per day, for a minimum total of 100 hours.
- It will begin Summer 2025.
- Funds will be allocated/distributed to school districts.
- A new rule will be developed.



### **Miscellaneous Deregulation Provisions**

#### SB 7002 signed

- Allows district school board meetings to be publicly noticed at least two days prior to the meeting with continuous publication on a publicly accessible website or the official district school board website.
- Requires the district school superintendent to establish a process for the review and approval of
  districtwide policies and procedures through the formal delegated authority of the district school
  board to increase efficiency.
- Removes requirement for a summary of the state economic security report to be provided to students or parents prior to student registration in middle and high school.
- Repeals s. 1006.025, F.S., which requires each district school board to annually submit a district guidance report to the Commissioner of Education by June 30. Last report due June 30, 2024.
- Removes the February 15 reporting date for school districts to electronically submit accurate public school e-mail addresses for all instructional and administrative personnel, as identified in s.
   1012.01(2) and (3), F.S., to the FDOE. Now required once per year instead of twice.



### **Miscellaneous Deregulation Provisions**

- SB 7004 signed
  - Repeals s. 1003.4995, F.S., Fine arts report.
  - Repeals s. 1003.4996, F.S., Competency-Based Education Pilot Program.
  - Makes the annual Art in the Capitol Competition voluntary for school districts.
  - Removes the annual report requirement for Academically High-Performing School Districts.



# **Upcoming State Board of Education Rulemaking**

State Board Rules Under Review

https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/Default



# Rules on State Board Agenda May 29, 2024

- 6A-1.0018, F.A.C., School Safety Requirements and Monitoring
- 6A-1.0019, F.A.C., Threat Management
- 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards
- 6A-1.09412, F.A.C., Course Requirements Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs
- 6A-1.094124, F.A.C., Required Instruction Planning and Reporting
- 6A-7.0715, F.A.C., Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media



# **Upcoming Rulemaking**

- 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards (Computer Science)
- 6A-1.09422, F.A.C., Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements
- 6A-1.09941, F.A.C., State Uniform Transfer of Students in Middle Grades and High Schools
- New 6A-1.09952, F.A.C., Requirements for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts
- 6A-1.09981, F.A.C., District and School Accountability
- Repeal 6A-1.099812, F.A.C., Education Accountability for Department of Juvenile Justice Education Programs
- Repeal 6A-1.099813, F.A.C., Education Program Improvement Process for Department of Juvenile Justice Programs
- 6A-1.099822, F.A.C., School Improvement Rating for Alternative Schools
- 6A-1.0999, F.A.C., Purple Star School of Distinction Designation



# **Upcoming Rulemaking**

- 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., Application Information
- 6A-4.0021, F.A.C., Florida Teacher Certification Examinations
- 6A-4.004, F.A.C., Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative,
   Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages
- 6A-5.066, F.A.C., Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs
- 6A-5.067, F.A.C., Teacher Apprenticeship Program
- 6A-6.03028, F.A.C., Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities
- 6A-6.03311, F.A.C., Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities



# **Upcoming Rulemaking**

- 6A-6.0521, F.A.C., Dropout Prevention and Academic Intervention Programs
- 6A-6.05281, F.A.C., Educational Programs for Students in Day Treatment DJJ Detention, Prevention, Residential, or Day Treatment Programs
- 6A-6.0531, F.A.C., Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE)
- 6A-6.0786, F.A.C., Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors
- 6A-6.0981, F.A.C., Provider Approval and Renewal for Virtual Instruction Program
- 6A-7.0710, F.A.C., Instructional Materials Evaluation Procedures
- 6A-7.0714, F.A.C., Library and Instructional Materials Objection Report
- 6A-7.0715, F.A.C., Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media
- 6M-8.620, F.A.C., VPK Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring Program



# **Online Parent Portal Update**

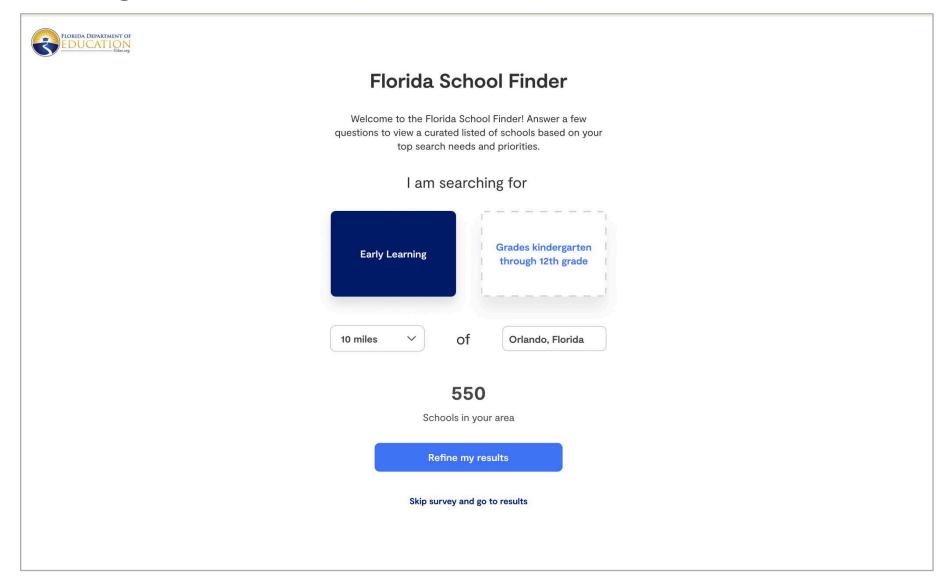


# Early Learning and K-12 Schools Online Portal

- Pursuant to Section 1002.82(2)(q), Florida Statutes, the Department of Education is to create and deploy an online, forward facing early learning provider search that integrates with the online portal for K-12 schools under s. 1001.10(10), F.S.
- The integrated online portal enables parents to choose the early learning provider or K-12 school that best meets their child's needs.



### **Starting Question**



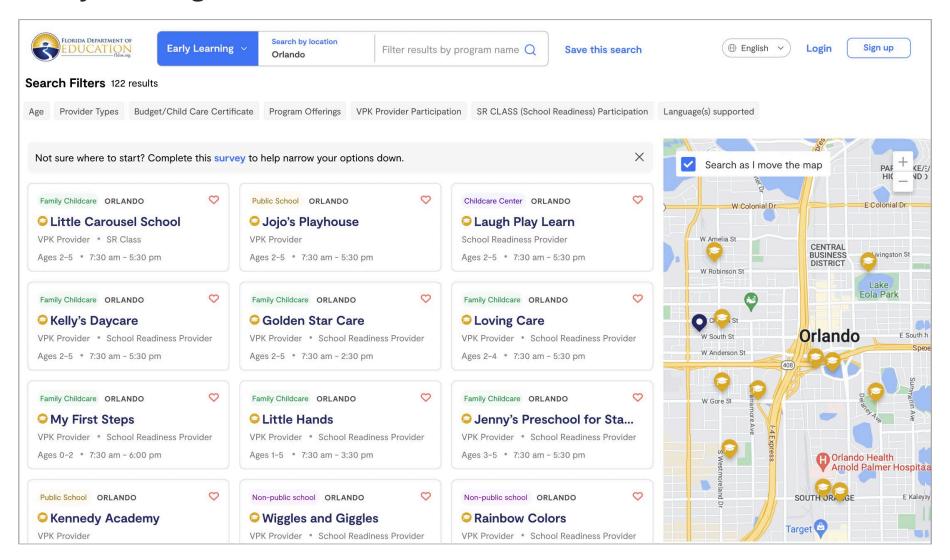


### **Early Learning Path**

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	Program Type	VPK SR Participation	Age	Budget	Program Offerings	
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		Family Child Care Home	i			
		Non-public school Public School				
		Other  I don't have a preference	е			
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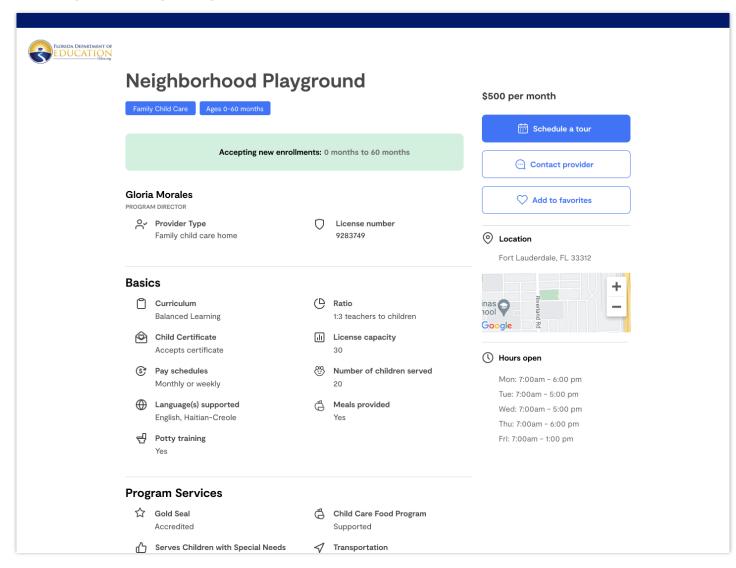


### **Early Learning Search**



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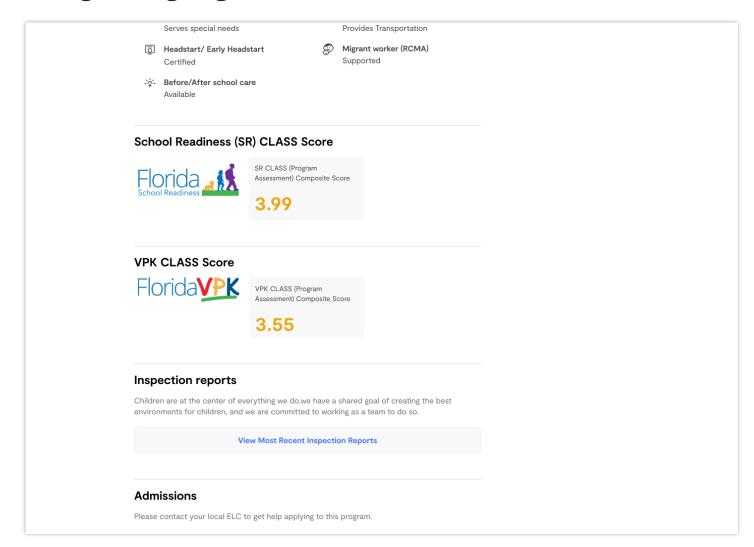


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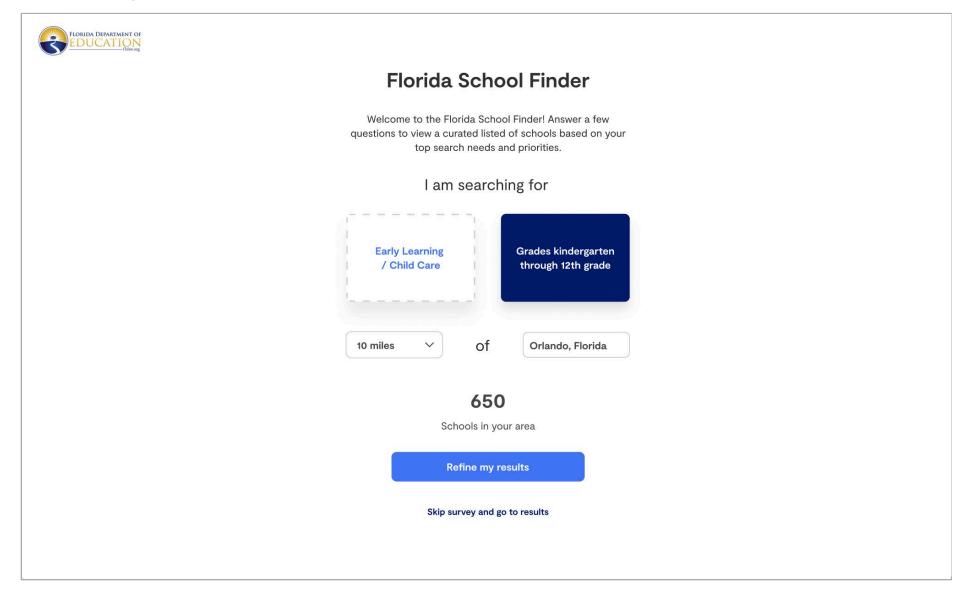


### Parent K-12

Recommendation Engine, Search and Listings

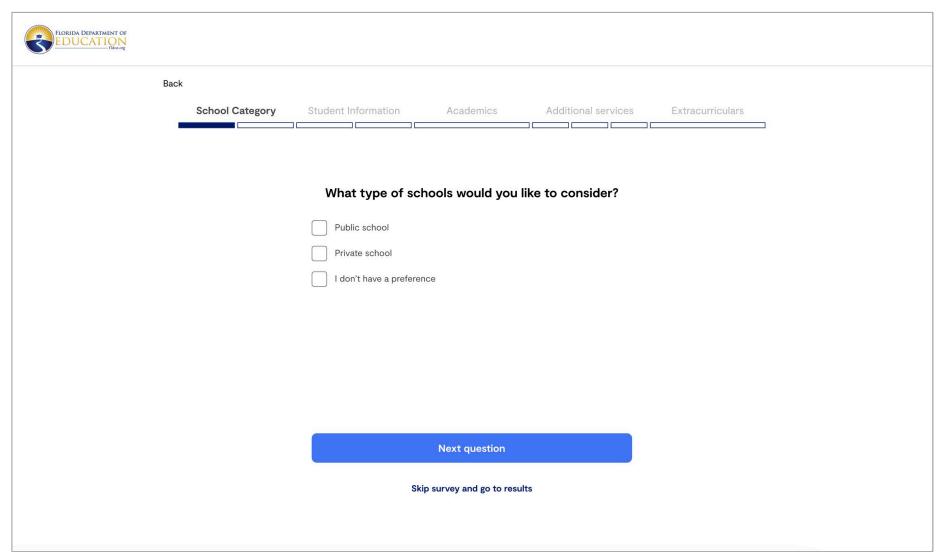


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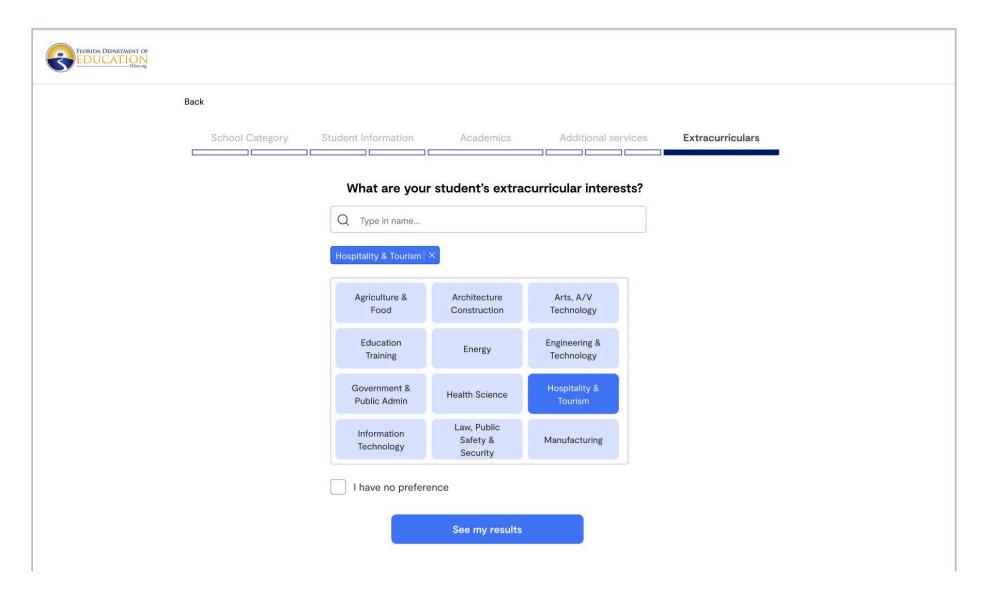


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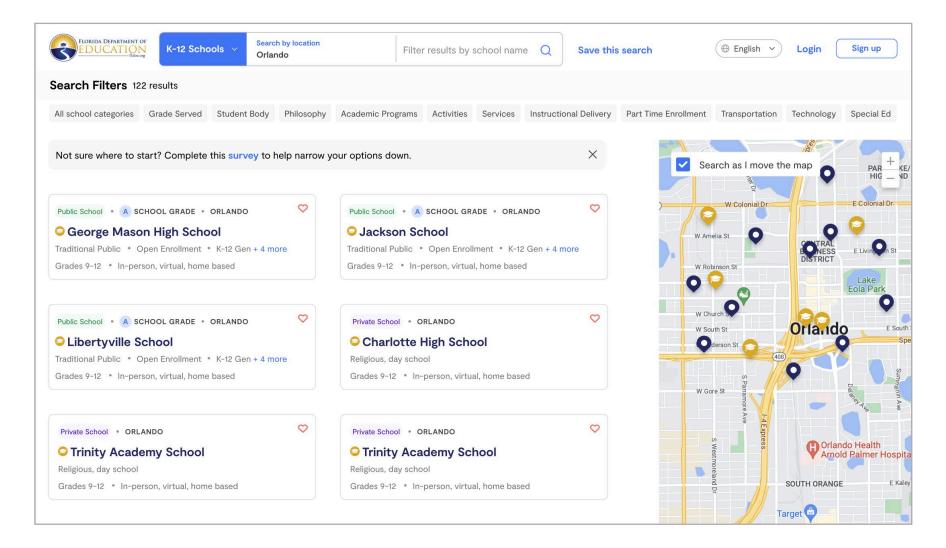


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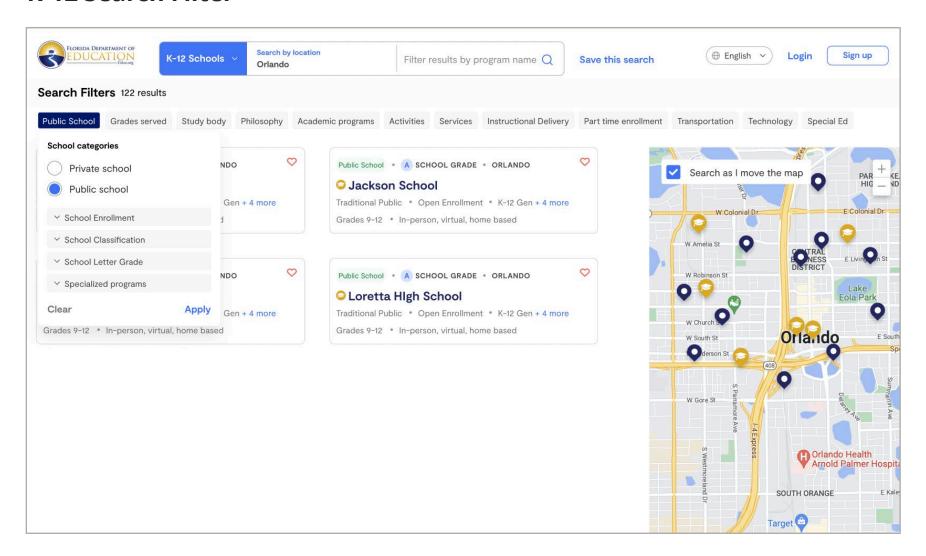


#### K-12 Search





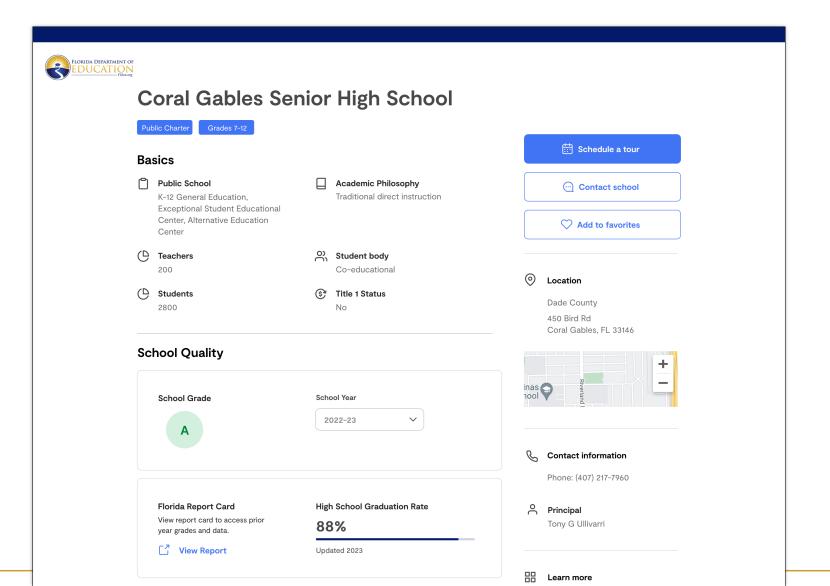
#### K-12 Search Filter





#### **K-12 Public School**

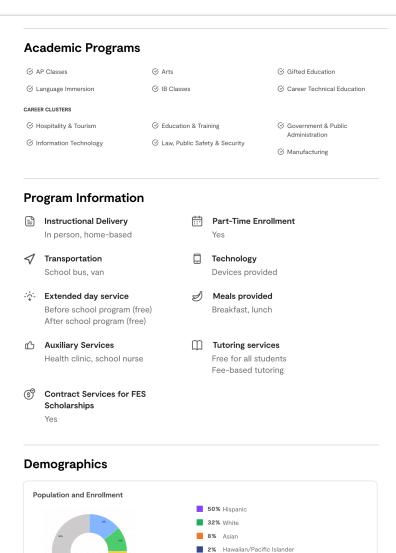






#### **K-12 Public School**





5% Black/African American

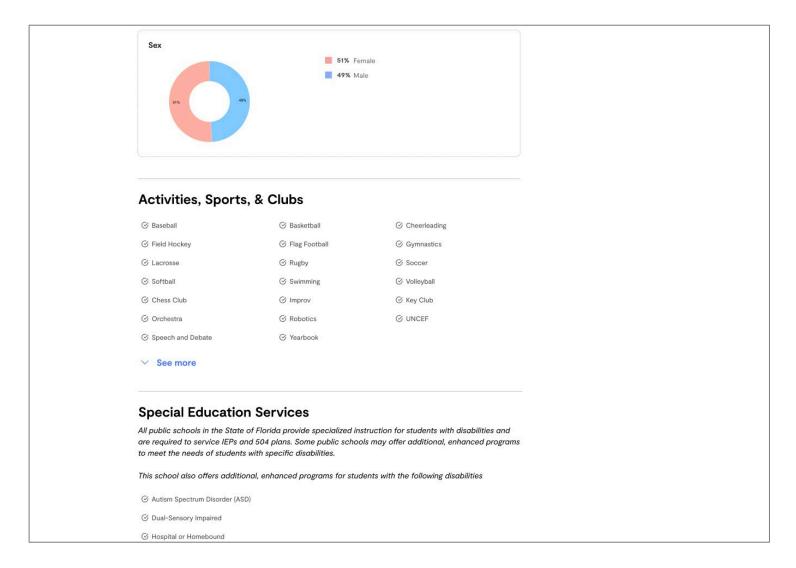
1% American Indian/Alaskan Native

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#### **K-12 Public School**





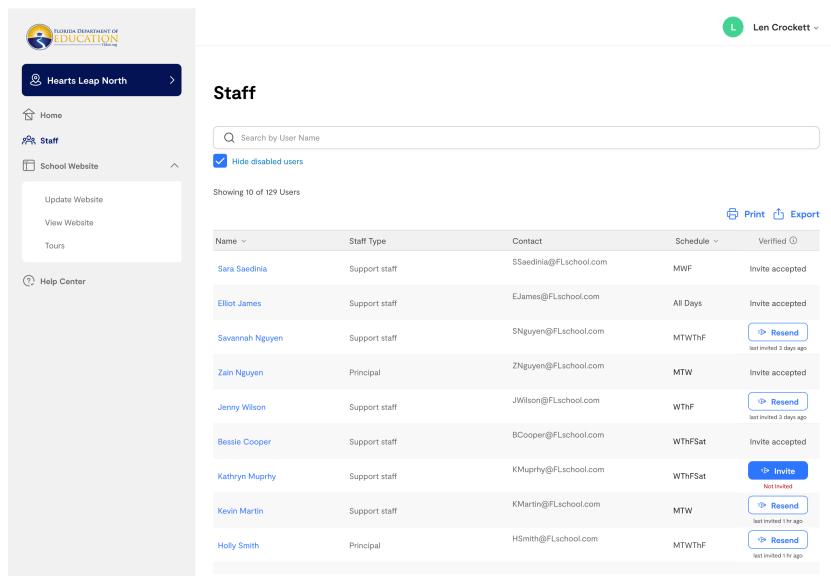


## **Provider or Principal**

Staff Management & Edit Listings

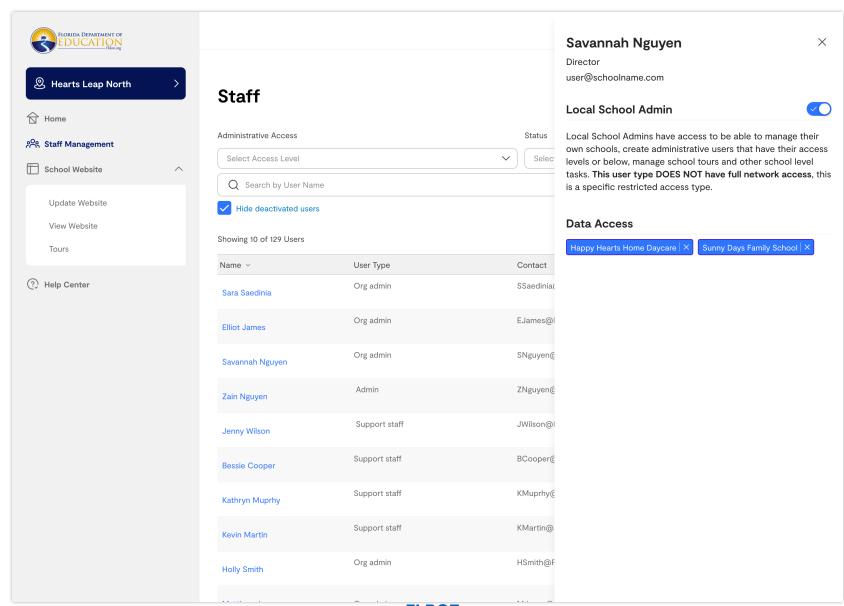


#### **Staff Management**



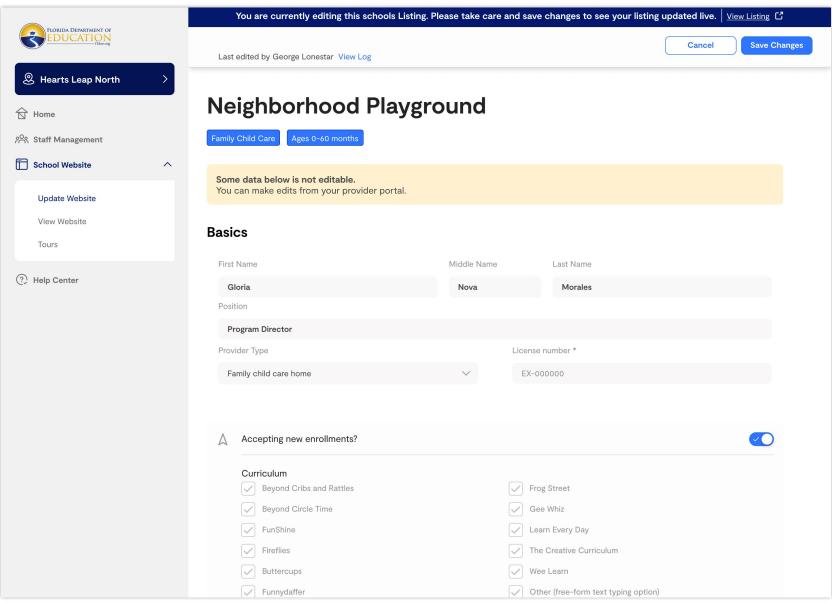


#### **User Management**



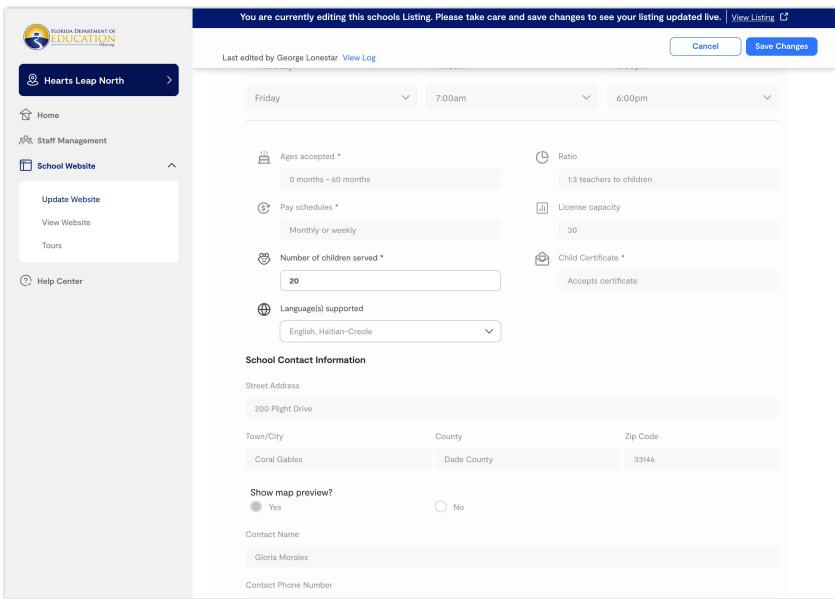


#### **Edit Listing**





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# Threat Management and SESIR Update



## **Transparency Tool Update**



### **Attendance Data**



## **Opportunities/Challenges**



## Questions