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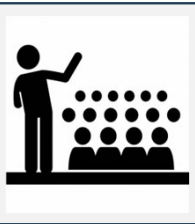
Reviewing Legislative Updates and Policy Impact
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Agenda

- Introduction
- FDOE Updates
 - 2026-27 Legislative Updates
 - Upcoming Rulemaking
- Questions



Introduction



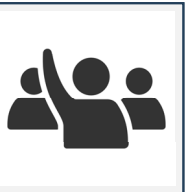
Session Audience:

This session is intended to provide attendees with FDOE updates included but not limited to legislative updates, changes to rules, laws, policies and system updates. The session will provide insight into the upcoming year initiatives and insight into changes that can impact funding, data collection, processing and local operations.



General Session Information:

Each year this session provides FDOE updates and includes the status of education legislation (ex. signed, passed, etc.) and a summary of legislative session. We will review and highlight key bills, rules and policies. We will then transition and discuss the status of current systems either in development or launching in 2026.



Presentation Questions:

We ask that questions are held until the end of the session. We can clarify content covered during the session but will reserve questions until the end of the presentation to ensure that we are able to cover all the content. We will also be available to take additional questions in the FDOE lab room.



2026 Legislative Updates



LET'S REVIEW UPDATES FROM
LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2026 Education Legislation



Session Reminders:

- The 2026-2027 budget has not passed yet.
- Not all bills that passes have been signed by the Governor yet.
- Bills may have varying effective dates.
- Most are effective July 1, 2026, 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 education bill.

Legislative Session: Jan 13 – Mar 13, 2026
Special Session: Apr 28 – May 1, 2026
Special Session: May 12 – May 29, 2026 (Budget)

2026 Legislative Session Overview

- 1,896 bills filed (last year 1,982).
- 237 bills passed both chambers (last year 254).
- 18 K12 education-related bills passed both chambers (last year 30).
- 15 education-related bills have been signed by the Governor, as of May 26, 2026.

Bill Overview

SB 124	Florida Virtual School (FLVS)	Signed
HB 453	Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma	Signed
SB 538	Extracurricular Activities	Signed
HB 757	School Safety	Signed
HB 1279	Education	Signed
HB 561	Educator Preparation and Certification	Signed
HB 461	Volunteering at Polling Locations	Signed
SB 182	School Teacher Training and Monitoring Program	Signed
HB 753	School Counselors	Signed
SB 824	School District Unimproved Real Property	Signed
HB 851	Professional Learning for Instructional and School Administrative Personnel	Signed

Bill/Rule Overview

HB 1073	School Districts	Signed
HB 1201	Student Health and Safety	Signed
SB 1296	Public Employees Relations Commission	Signed
HB 1471	System of Law and Terrorist Organizations	Signed
SB 7022	Public Records/Examination and Assessment Instruments	Signed
SB 178	Athletics in Public Schools	Signed
HB 1343	Insurance Customer Representative Licensing Qualifications	

Senate Bill 124 – Florida Virtual School (FLVS)

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- Provides that FLVS will serve all students meeting the profile for educational success in virtual instruction.
- Requires a school district to provide a test administrator when a student from FLVS is participating in required statewide assessments, the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, industry certification examinations and national assessments at the assigned school, if an alternative testing site is not mutually agreed to by FLVS and the school district.
- Revises FLVS operational and funding provisions.

House Bill 453: Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma

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- Allows a student with a disability to substitute one school year of participation in the Special Olympics for the physical education requirement for a standard high school diploma, as determined appropriate by the student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team.
- Specifies that completion of two years of marching band satisfies both the one credit requirement in physical education and the one credit requirement in performing arts.

Senate Bill 538: Extracurricular Activities

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Interscholastic and Intrасcholastic Extracurricular Activities

- Aligns eligibility for all students, regardless of the educational setting. An eligible student may participate in an activity at a school other than the school in which the student is enrolled if:
 - The school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the same activity or the student is in a home education program; and
 - The school at which the student will participate in the activity is located in the school district in which the student resides.
- If a public or charter school in the district in which the student resides does not offer the activity, and an agreement cannot be reached with a private school in the district in which the student resides, the student may participate at a public, charter or private school in a school district adjacent to the school district in which the student resides.
- The student may also petition the executive director of the governing organization to explore additional options.
- The parent must provide for the student's transportation to the school of participation.

Senate Bill 538: Extracurricular Activities

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Extracurricular Activity Fees

- Authorizes public schools to assess a fee to enrolled students. They may also assess a fee to a student who is not enrolled but is participating in an activity, provided that such fee does not exceed the greater of the following:
 - The fee students enrolled at the school pay to participate in the activity; or
 - A reasonable fee based on the costs to the school not to exceed \$400 per activity.
- Specifies that the activity fee charged to home education student must be the same as charged to enrolled students.
- Annually by July 1, activity fees different from the fees charged to enrolled students must be approved by the district school board or charter school governing board.
- Requires each public school to post on its website a complete list of fees charged to participating students, by activity, prior to the beginning of the school year and submit to FDOE.

Senate Bill 538: Extracurricular Activities

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Other

- Prohibits students from participating in sports at two different schools during the same school year, unless the student:
 - Is a dependent child of active-duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders;
 - Has been relocated due to a foster care placement in a different school zone;
 - Has moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent; or
 - Has been granted approval by the applicable governing organization's executive director.
- Requires that any insurance provided by district school boards for participants in extracurricular activities must cover any eligible student.
- Requires the athletic director or other appropriate administrator of each school to maintain the records necessary for eligibility, compliance and participation for all eligible students.

Senate Bill 538: Extracurricular Activities

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Athletic Coach and Activity Sponsor Compensation

- Authorizes a district school board to adopt a policy regarding the use of voluntary donations and revenues generated by authorized booster clubs or associations to provide funds to athletic coaches or activity sponsors.
- Defines an extracurricular activity administrator as any athletic director, coach, or any activity director or sponsor specified by the district school superintendent.
- District school superintendents may negotiate individual compensation for such personnel, which may not exceed the compensation of the highest paid administrator in the district.

Governing Organizations

- Requires athletic governing organizations to adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-specific manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic competition.
- The manuals or handbooks may include, but are not limited to, timing, scoring, equipment, officiating, and athlete safety.

House Bill 757: School Safety

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- Expands several existing safety measures to public postsecondary educational institutions, including Florida College System (FCS) institutions and state universities.

Student Records

- When a student enrolls in an FCS institution or state university, the student's education records must be transferred to the institution or university if his or her records contain:
 - Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns;
 - Any threat assessment report;
 - Information required by the Florida-specific behavioral threat assessment instrument; or
 - Psychological evaluations, treatment plans or progress notes.

House Bill 757: School Safety

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Training

- Requires that training for classroom teachers and other instructional staff must explain the purpose, importance, and proper execution of school safety protocols and emergency procedures.

Discharging a Firearm

- Creates a second-degree felony if a person discharges any weapon or firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, during school hours or during the time of a sanctioned school activity, unless discharged for lawful defense of himself or herself or another or for a lawful purpose.

House Bill 1279: Education

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Virtual Instruction

- Requires districts to include all public and private virtual instruction options in their adopted procedures to inform the general public of available educational programs.

Career and Technical Education

- Requires FDOE to make specified CAPE Digital Tool certificates available to middle grades students and limits such students to two certificates per school year.

Student Health

- Authorizes public and private schools to purchase, maintain, and administer Food and Drug Administration-approved epinephrine delivery devices, rather than limiting references to epinephrine auto-injectors.

School Safety

- Clarifies that, notwithstanding local ordinances or development orders, a school district or charter school may use any combination of safe-school officer options authorized by law.

House Bill 1279: Education

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Student Progression

- Directs FDOE to develop applied algebra courses aligned with the identified mathematics pathways and career and technical education career clusters by January 1, 2027, for district implementation in the 2029-2030 school year.
- Each applied algebra course must prepare students for the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-course assessment, satisfy applicable mathematics credit requirements for high school graduation and middle grades promotion, and be accepted as a mathematics credit for state university admissions.
- Authorizes a qualifying one-credit dance techniques course to satisfy a physical education or performing arts credit required to earn a standard high school diploma.

House Bill 1279: Education

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Student Supports

- Requires a school district to notify a parent within 10 school days when a related service identified in a student's IEP is not provided as scheduled, explain the reason the service was not provided and discuss a plan for make-up services. A school district must also inform parents at each IEP meeting of the right to access all service provider logs or progress notes within 15 school days after the service is provided.
- Requires, for a student with a substantial reading deficiency, that their individualized progress monitoring plan include information about eligibility for the New Worlds Reading Initiative.
- Expands Summer Bridge program eligibility for VPK students who score below the 25th percentile (from the 10th percentile) on the final administration of the statewide assessment in English Language Arts.

House Bill 1279: Education

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School Improvement

- Expands the definition of an educational emergency to include persistently low-performing schools, thereby allowing a district school board to exercise authority over personnel contracts in the selection, placement and compensation of instructional personnel to improve student performance.

STEM

- Authorizes a school district to reserve up to one percent of Title I funds for specified STEM-related educational services, technologies and instructional supports.

Students who are Homeless

- Specifies that for students who are homeless to qualify for postsecondary tuition and fee exemptions, a student must have previously been determined to be homeless by a Florida public school, and a distance learning homeless student residing out of state is ineligible for the exemption.

House Bill 1279: Education

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Acceleration and Advanced Coursework

- Requires the State Board of Education to establish a statewide uniform weighted grading system for honors courses and articulated acceleration mechanisms, which must be used by district school boards when calculating high school grade point averages.
- Authorizes bonus funds for school districts and teachers for students' successful completion of Florida Advanced Courses and Tests, which are aligned with bonuses offered for other advanced and career examinations.
- Specifies that the postsecondary institutions eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program are Florida public postsecondary institutions and eligible not-for-profit independent colleges and universities.

House Bill 561: Educator Preparation and Certification

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- Authorizes educator preparation institutes (EPs) to enroll participants while they complete the needed subject area certification.
- Requires FDOE to issue a temporary certificate to an educator whose previously issued professional certificate has expired, provided the educator meets the basic eligibility requirements for certification.
- Removes the requirement to pass a subject area exam for reinstatement.
- Requires the State Board to adopt rules allowing educators to reinstate their certificate with each subject area coverage and endorsement held at the time of expiration.
- Requires the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching at the University of South Florida to submit a professional learning system to FDOE. The Center must provide no-cost training and support to educators pursuing certification renewal or reinstatement and submit any inservice points earned through the professional learning system to the FDOE on the educator's behalf.

January 21, 2026

Rule	Title
Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.	Student Performance Standards
Rule 6A-1.09414, F.A.C.	Exceptional Student Education Courses
Rule 6A-4.0311, F.A.C.	Specialization Requirements for Certification in School Psychology (Grades PK-12) – Specialty Class
Rule 6A-4.0013, F.A.C. NEW	Mental Health Assessment Program Functional Assessment Instruments
Rule 6A-6.0252, F.A.C.	Use of Prescribed Pancreatic Enzyme Supplements
Rule 6M-8.301, F.A.C.	Statewide Provider Contract for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program

February 20, 2026

Statute/Approval	Title
Rule 6A-1.0998271, F.A.C.	Schools of Hope
Rule 6A-1.09455, F.A.C. NEW	Middle School and High School Start Times (Report due June 1, 2026)
Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.	Student Performance Standards
Rule 6A-4.0292, F.A.C.	Specialization Requirements for the Reading Endorsement
Approval	Approval of Sunshine State Kids as a new Scholarship Funding Organization
Approval	Statewide Provider Contract for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program

April 15, 2026

Statute/Approval	Title
Rule 6A-1.0.019, F.A.C.	Threat Management
Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C.	Course Code Directory
Rule 6A-5.0411, F.A.C.	Calculations of Student Learning Growth for Use in School Personnel Evaluations
Approval	Approval of 2026-27 Dual Enrollment Course-High School Subject Area Equivalency List

May 14, 2026

Statute/Approval	Title
Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C.	School Safety Compliance and Monitoring
Rule 6A-1.09514, F.A.C.	Excused Absences for Religious Instruction or Holiday
Rule 6A-1.09420, F.A.C.	Youth Mental Health Awareness Training and Reporting
Approval	Approval of AltaVia as a new Scholarship Funding Organization

Rules Open for Development

Statute/Approval	Title
Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.	Student Performance Standards
Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C.	Application Information
Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C.	Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages
Rule 6A-5.067, F.A.C.	Teacher Apprenticeship Program
Rule 6A-4.0165, F.A.C. NEW	Specialization Requirements for the Resiliency Educator Endorsement
Rule 6A-4.0166, F.A.C. NEW	Specialization Requirements for the Mathematics Endorsement (K-12)
Rule 6A-4.0167, F.A.C. NEW	Florida Mathematics Endorsement (K-12) Competencies
Rule 6A-5.065, F.A.C.	The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices
Rule 6A-5.0661, F.A.C. NEW	Teacher Preparation Uniform Core Curricula and Courses
Rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C.	Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs

Rules Open for Development

Statute/Approval	Title
Rule 6A-10.084, F.A.C.	Disqualification List
Rule 6A-1.09422, F.A.C.	Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring System and Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements
Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C.	School and District Accountability
Rule 6A-6.0530, F.A.C.	Summer Bridge Program
Rule 6A-6.03028, F.A.C.	Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities
Rule 6A-6.0521, F.A.C.	Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Anaphylaxis Policy
Rule 6A-1.09953, F.A.C. NEW	Statewide Uniform Weighted Grading System in Honors and Articulated Accelerated Courses
Rule 6A-6.0786, F.A.C.	Forms for Charter Schools and Sponsors
Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C.	Education Records
Rule 6A-1.094124, F.A.C.	Required Instruction Planning and Reporting





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