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Action By:
For Information Only

TO: All Principals

FROM: Judith Klinek, Chief Academic Office 

SUBJECT: Autism Spectrum Disorders Endorsement

The Florida Board of Education met on March 26, 2010 and approved new language regarding the ASD endorsement. The *2010-2011 Course Code Directory* was amended to state that the ASD endorsement will be required by July 1, 2011 for K-12 ESE teachers with 100 percent of students on their caseload or in their class identified with an autism spectrum disorder.

There are two exceptions to this requirement for those K-12 ESE teachers:

1. Have the severe/profound endorsement on their Florida educator certificates, or
2. Document at least two full years of teaching experience with students with ASD (including satisfactory teacher evaluations) between July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2011.

For teachers who qualify for this exception the following must occur: The principal of the school must document that the teacher has taught ASD students at least two years (between July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011) **and** has received satisfactory evaluations. There is a template attached to this bulletin that principals may complete and copy onto their school letterhead. Once completed and signed, the document should be forwarded to: Cheri Hires, Manager, Human Resources Customer Relations, FHESC, A-152. One letter per teacher is required.

The ASD endorsement can be added to any ESE Florida educator certificate. The following option is available for earning an ASD endorsement:

Complete coursework at a university or college. For specific information on Florida universities and colleges offering coursework in ASD, visit Florida's Personnel Development Supporting Exceptional Student Education website at:

<http://www.florida-ese.org/personneldevelopment/uco/endorsement.aspx>.

A copy of this bulletin should be made available to all staff with ESE academic certification.

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Reviewed: 
Ann Killets, Chief of Staff

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Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D., Superintendent

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ASD Experience Verification Form

I verify that _____
Print Employee Name

Employee number _____

is certified in ESE K-12 and has:

- Taught ASD students at least two years between July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011
and
- Received satisfactory evaluations (between July 1, 2006 – July 30, 2011).

School Name

Principal Signature

Date

Teacher Signature

Date

Pony to: Cherrie Hires, FHESC, Certification, A - 152