

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



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Extended Content Standards Graduation Policy Information

A new graduation policy, GRAD-010, has been developed for students graduating with a certificate of completion. This policy is for students with significant cognitive disabilities and are instructed using the Extended Content Standards (ECS). The new policy affects incoming 9th graders for the 2021-2022 school year. The policy can be found on the [State Board of Education's Policies webpage](#).

Social Studies Extended Content Standards Public Comment

Alternate academic achievement standards set an expectation of performance that differs in complexity from a grade-level achievement standard. The [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) permits states to develop alternate academic achievement standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. In NC, these alternate academic achievement standards are known as the Extended Content Standards (ECS). The NC Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division convened stakeholder groups to create and review proposed extended content standards for Social Studies for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The ECS for Social Studies are open for public comment from September 8 to October 8, 2021. The Draft Extended Content Standards for Social Studies can be found in this [google folder](#). Please submit all questions and comments to: ecspubliccomments@dpi.nc.gov.

ASL Storytelling for Children

The Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be having live, virtual ASL storytelling experiences October 8, November 12, and December 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. To participate, you will need a computer, tablet (iPad), or smartphone with internet/WiFi access.

RSVP to get the meeting ID number by contacting Christina Moore, Deaf Services Specialist: Videophone: (336) 541-6451 or Christina.Moore@dhhs.nc.gov.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

Discover, or re-discover, how ECAC can help parents navigate special education with support from their wonderful parent navigators by watching their new Discovering ECAC video – [English](#) – [Español](#).

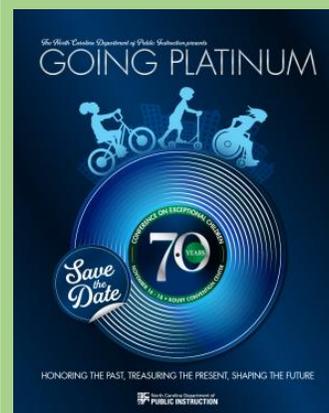
You can find previous newsletter in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)



The EC Division will be hosting the 70th Conference on Exceptional Children November 18-19, 2021 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The event will be held in-person and is

open to families of children with exception needs or anyone working with children with exceptional needs. Please view the accompanying memo (sent with the newsletter) for COVID related information and to register for the event.

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