

## General Information

**September 15th - Fall Conference Registration Ends**

**September 15th - Nominations for EOE Closes**

### **New: Personnel Development Consultant**

Please welcome Nancy Childress as the new statewide Personnel Development Consultant as part of the Program Improvement and Professional Development section within the Office of Exceptional Children. Nancy has been serving the North Central and Sandhills Regions as the Consultant for Autism with the Supporting Teaching and Related Services section for the past 5 years. She has also been a special education teacher and EC Program Specialist for many years in Cumberland County Schools. Nancy brings over 21 years of experience in public education as well as over 10 years of experience in business management. Nancy is excited to serve in this new role and looks forward to collaborating and connecting with education professionals and stakeholders to support personnel development of preservice and in-service special education teachers and related service providers as well as the recruitment and retention of EC staff.

### **Educational Equity and Significant Disproportionality**

Session two of the Educational Equity and Significant Disproportionality monthly webinar series will be held on **Thursday, September 28** from 3:00pm-4:30pm. This month's presenter will be Tricia Zunker. Ms. Zunker will present ***Inclusive Spaces & Culturally-Sensitive Policies***. Please use the link below to attend the webinar.

<https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=m49be149833e9e4bbefed4bcabd198bc3>

If you have any questions, contact Alysha Gray ([alysha.gray@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:alysha.gray@dpi.nc.gov)) or Dreama McCoy ([dreama.mccoy@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:dreama.mccoy@dpi.nc.gov)).

## Administrative/Supervisory

### **Final Day to Register for September Director Meetings**

Reminder - Registration and location for our Regional Meeting has been included as part of the "**Revisions to OEC Activities Guide**" section of the WU on 8/23/23. Please access and register for our upcoming September meetings by **COB today, September 13, 2023**.

Registration and Meeting Information can be found on page 27-28 of the [OEC Activities Guide](#).

## **American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP)**

Reminder -all ARP funds must be encumbered by **9/30/2023**. This includes all remaining funds in PRC 186, PRC 186, and PRC 187. If you have any questions, please contact your fiscal consultant.

## **Fall 2023 Tuition Reimbursement**

The Fall 2023 Tuition Reimbursement application is now available. Please review the memo and instructions and forward to any residency/provisionally licensed exceptional children teachers in your district who could benefit from this opportunity. **ATTACHED**

## **Instructional/Related Services/Disability Specific**

### **Free Assistive Technology Webinars**

Please see the list of [free webinars for Assistive Technology \(AT\)](#) to find a variety of different AT and accessibility topics for the month of September 2023.

### **2023-2024 Intervener Cohort Training Opportunity**

The East Carolina University Teacher Support Program (ECU TSP) is excited to announce the 2023-24 Intervener Cohort training opportunity! It is geared towards those currently working directly with learners with DeafBlindness in intervener or instructional assistant positions. Please see the [linked letter](#) for more information.

### **NCDPI K-12 Science Leadership Committee**

The NCDPI Science Team, in collaboration with the Office of Exceptional Children, is seeking members to be a part of the NCDPI K-12 Science Leadership Committee for the 2023-2024 school year. Serving on the Leadership Committee provides members an opportunity to share their expertise and perspectives with other teachers and science leaders across the state. (please see attached)

### **ECS Canvas Course**

The Extended Content Standards Canvas Course has been updated. The new course titled: "Significant Cognitive Disabilities" can be found within NCEES. The course link is:

<https://ncees.homebase.ncpublicschools.gov/ia/empari/learning2/registration/presentRegistrationDetails/39947>

The course modules include the history of the law, IEP decisions, Communication, Extended Content Standards, Math ECS, and ELA ECS. This .4 CEU credit course would benefit all professionals working with students instructed towards the ECS.

If you are having difficulty entering the course, please reach out to [matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov)

### **Training Video: Alternate Assessment Eligibility Worksheet**

The Alternate Assessment Eligibility Worksheet training video is available. The purpose of the training video is for professionals to become familiar with the process for completing the worksheet for IEP teams considering

the ECS placement. An [FAQ](#) sheet has also been created to assist professionals when completing the Alternate Assessment Eligibility Worksheet.

Webex meeting recording: Alternate Assessment Eligibility Worksheet ECATS

Password: Worksheet2023!

Recording link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/ldr.php?RCID=51e07cef5abecc0a1d667fa67b96ed1a>

## **Supporting Math ECS Documents**

During the Summer of 2023, a stakeholder team of mathematic professionals created supporting math documents for the Mathematic Extended Content Standards. The purpose of these documents are to increase student achievement by ensuring educators understand the expectations of the Math Extended Content Standards. These documents may also be used to facilitate discussion among teachers and curriculum staff and to encourage coherence in the sequence, pacing, and units of study for grade-level curricula. These documents, along with on-going professional development, are one of many resources used to understand and teach the North Carolina Extended Content Standards. These supporting documents can be found on this [link](#).

## **Understanding the Math Extended Content Standards**

This one-day professional learning specializes in collaboration to provide an understanding of the Mathematic Extended Content Standards. This professional learning is directed towards teachers of students with significant cognitive disabilities. Professionals will collaborate to analyze, decode, plan, and create mathematical activities based on the Extended Content Standards. The professional learning will be held October 17, 2023 in Hickory from 8:30 until 3:30 with an hour lunch.

Registration is limited to 30 participants. Please use the link below:

[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cJ991102D0QR67A](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cJ991102D0QR67A)

## **Effective Math Instruction for Significant Disabilities (EMI)**

EMI is a four-day offering in which three days are devoted to participants learning Evidence-Based Practices in Mathematics specific to the Components of Number Sense, assessing students with significant disabilities on these skills, and how to deliver instruction based on those assessment results. The fourth day integrates understanding the extended content standards and connecting the standards to the newly learned mathematical concepts. Participants will attend days one and two, then break for a period in order to apply the content with students in which they work, before returning for days three and four. At the end of this series participants will be awarded 3.0 CEUs. Participants must be able to attend all sessions and partial credit will not be awarded. The dates for EMI are November 1, 2, 15, and 16 in Hickory, NC. Attendance is limited to the first 30 registrants for each location.

Please register through this link:

[https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4GcR4HNZDF6JYtU](https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GcR4HNZDF6JYtU)

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Martinez at [matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:matthew.martinez@dpi.nc.gov).

## **Work-Based Learning Opportunities Information Session**

Save The date! We want to invite all EC Directors to an Information session on Work-based Learning Opportunities for students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism. This information session is in collaboration with the Office of the Governor through the North Carolina Business Committee for

Education ([NCBCE](#)) and the NC Dept of Public Instruction. Please use the link below to attend the webinar on Thursday, **October 12th** from **10:00 to 10:45 a.m.**

<https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=m0dbe08d914e72936c2422651417eeddc>

If you have any questions, contact Dreama McCoy ([dreama.mccoy@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:dreama.mccoy@dpi.nc.gov))

## Early Childhood (EC|EC)

Nothing new this week



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## Revisions to OEC Activities Guide

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## ICYMI

[Statewide Meeting for Related Service Provider Representatives](#) (East)

[Statewide Meeting for Related Service Provider Representatives](#) (West)

[Integrated IEP Development](#)

[SLD In Math Regional State Level Professional Learning Sessions](#)

### EC Office Hours: Admissions for Schools for Deaf and Blind

To support public school units (PSUs) in transitioning to this change in procedure, a special Exceptional Children (EC) Office Hours will be hosted on two dates, Friday, September 15, 2023, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, and Friday, September 29, 2023, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. During this time, the school directors will review the admissions criteria and respond to questions submitted by PSUs.

**PSUs must register for this event using the following links.**

[Registration Link: 9/15/23](#)

[Registration Link: 9/29/23](#)

<b>Calendar Items/What's Due?</b>
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY**

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR**

[NCDPI OEC Calendar of Events in List View](#)

[NCDPI Calendar of Events in Calendar View](#)