



Weekly Update
July 12, 2023

General Information

NEW! 2023-2024 OEC Activities

During the April 2023 Director's Webinar, the OEC made a commitment to (1) provide actionable data and implementation time to make improvement; (2) engagement that is meaningful with objectives communicated in advance; while making an honest effort to (3) coordinate the activities *we must* with the fewest interruptions. In order to accomplish these goals, the OEC collected feedback internally and externally during the months of April and May. The feedback collected from the Director's Advisory Council is attached to this Weekly Update. **[Attached]**

As a result of these efforts, a first outcome is the *Office of Exceptional Children Activities: 2023-2024 School Year* document. This document provides the state aggregate data for our State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report with the number of PSUs that did not meet targets. These data are the same data provided to PSUs in May/June via a link to the publicly reported data on the ECATS page of the OEC website.

As a result of these data, the OEC has provided explicit descriptions for our communication loops, Calendars of Events - Administrative/Supervisory, the objectives for Regional Meetings and Director's Webinars, the OEC-led sessions at the Fall Conference correlated to the SPP/APR Indicators, 2023 Summer Institute, New Director's Leadership Institute, Charter Exceptional Children Leadership Institute, and Professional Development Calendar targeting the SPP/APR Indicators in need of improvement.

The Director's Advisory Council (DAC) will be invited to contribute to planning the agendas for the Fall and Spring Conferences. Therefore, this document is considered a [living document and is shared here](#). It is highly recommended that the link be bookmarked. Any updates to this document will be communicated through the Weekly Update.

New! Policy, Monitoring, and Audit Section Chief

The OEC is pleased to announce that Leigh Mobley has been named Section Chief for the Policy, Monitoring, and Audit (PMA) section. We are so very fortunate to have Leigh step into this role! She has been a tremendous asset to the OEC and PMA as a Dispute Resolution Consultant. Her experience inside of the section and in previous leadership roles will make her a valuable thought partner on the OEC Leadership Team. Congratulations Leigh!!!

State Board Approved: 2023 K-12 Science Extended Content Standards

The Office of Exceptional Children in collaboration with the Office of Academic Standards are excited to announce that the 2023 K-12 Science Extended Content Standards were approved by the State Board of Education at their July 6th, 2023 meeting. The work was completed under the processes and protocols outlined in the NC Standard Course of Study Manual. Thank you to everyone who participated in the review and revision process.



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The adoption of the 2023 K-12 Science Extended Content Standards is the end of the first stage in the process, with the focus now moving to the “installation” stage. Over the 2023-2024 school year, NCDPI will be working to provide professional learning and supporting documents to help support the installation of the new Science Standards and Extended Content Standards. **Please note, the current 2009 Science standards and extended content standards will remain in place for classroom instruction and assessment for the 2023-2024 school year.**

To support the start of the “installation” stage, the Science Team and Office of Exceptional Children have prepared several documents to support school and district leaders.

- [K-12 Science Standards Installation Timeline](#) - An initial timeline for installation of the 2023 standards with key activities and steps for NCDPI, PSU leaders, and teachers
- The Science team will begin working with school and district science leads later this summer to prepare future support documents and plan professional development.
- [2023 K-12 Science Extended Content Standards](#) - A folder containing ALL grades/courses within one document as well as each individual grade/course’s set of standards
- [Crosswalks of the 2011 and 2023 Standards](#) - A folder with a crosswalk document for each individual grade/course’s standards

The Science team looks forward to working closely with PSU leaders over the coming months to support all stakeholders in preparing to implement the 2023 K-12 Science Standards beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Collaboration between general and special educators will be essential to ensure the successful implementation of all Science Standards.

Please be on the lookout for more information and details in the near future. Be sure to join the [K-12 Science listserv](#) to receive updates.

Administrative/Supervisory

EC Director/EC Coordinator ListServ

This listserv is the official email listserv of the Office of Exceptional Children. Prior to July 12, 2023, this listserv included traditional public school unit EC directors and the Office of Charter Schools who then forwarded to charter school leadership. As of July 12, 2023, and this communication, charter EC Coordinators have been added to the EC Director/Coordinator Listserv for the receipt of direct communication from the OEC. Please be advised that current contact information for EC Directors and Coordinators should be maintained in EDDIE for ensuring an accurate listserv.

SiMR Root Cause Analysis Reminders

As we prepare for the July 31, 2023, submission date for the SiMR Root Cause Analysis, please be sure to provide a link to the improvement plan(s) where you will be addressing your identified root causes in item #6 (last item on school level worksheet). If your identified improvement plan(s) are under revision, please provide a date when you will share the link for the revised document in your response.

As a reminder, the OEC will review the submissions as follows:



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- Submissions from the 40 SiMR Support PSUs will be automatically reviewed by August 31 and follow-up conversations held with PSU and OEC SiMR Support team members by Sept 30
- *By July 31, all other PSUs* should indicate interest in having their submission reviewed by Sept 30 and follow-up conversations held with PSU and OEC SiMR Support team members by Oct 15 on [this response form](#)

Any questions or clarifications about the Root Cause Analysis review options can be directed to lauren.holahan@dpi.nc.gov

Combined Expenditure Report (CER)

The final combined expenditure report is due by July 15th. Please email completed reports to cer@dpi.nc.gov. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nicole Sinclair at nicole.sinclair@dpi.nc.gov.

[Monday Message 7.10.23.pdf](#)

Early Learning Sensory Support 2023-24 Request for Services and Assurances Documents

The 2023-24 Request for Services and Assurances documents are now available. The updated documents and memo are attached to this communication and may also be found on the [Office of Exceptional Children website](#). For more information, please contact [Bethany Mayo](#) (VI Services), [Ruth Anne Everett](#) (HI Services), or [Sherri Vernelson](#), Section Chief.

Instructional/Related Services/Disability Specific

FREE Family Day Retreat for Parents of Children who are Deaf / Hard of Hearing

BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is hosting a FREE family day retreat full of learning, sharing, and fun! The event will be held on 8/26/23 from 9:30am - 3:30pm in Greensboro, NC. For more information about this event, please view the [event flier](#).

American Sign Language Class at the North Carolina School for the Deaf

The North Carolina School for the Deaf is hosting FREE American Sign Language classes beginning August 31, 2023 and continuing every Thursday thereafter from 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Hoffmeyer Cafeteria on campus in Morganton, NC. For more information, view the [class flier](#).

Early Childhood

Job Posting Announcements

The ***Exceptional Children Early Childhood Regional Consultant*** posting can be found at this link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/4113802/exceptional-children-early-childhood-regional-consultant>. Note: there are eight positions available. This posting closes **July 19, 2023 at 5pm EST**.



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The ***Consultant for Preschool Exceptional Children Intensive Support*** posting can be found at this link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/4113736/consultant-for-preschool-exceptional-children-intensive-support>. Note: there are three positions available. This posting closes ***July 19, 2023 at 5pm EST.***

The ***Exceptional Children Early Childhood Information Analyst*** posting can be found at this link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/4112457/exceptional-children-early-childhood-information-analyst>. Note: there is one position available. ***This posting closes July 18, 2023 at 5pm EST.***

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HB 317 Data Collection

The 2022-2023 HB 317 Data Collection is due on Friday July 14, 2023. All student survey links should be completed and submitted by the due date. If you have questions, please contact Thomas Page at thomas.page@dpi.nc.gov or Nancy Woytowich at nancy.woytowich@dpi.nc.gov

Calendar Items/What's Due?

7/14 HB317 Data Collection
7/15 Final combined Expenditure Reports Due
8/1 Indicator 7 opens
8/18 Indicator 7 closes
10/2 Indicator 11 opens
10/30 Indicator 11 closes
10/30 Indicator 12 spreadsheets due