



## NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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### DE-ESCALATION

In order to support Public School Units (PSUs) in the implementation of House Bill 1032/Deborah Greenblatt Act (Session Law 2005-205), the Office of Exceptional Children (OEC) will allocate funds for the school year 2022-23 to support professional development around crisis and de-escalation prevention training for schools.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) staff has ceased providing face to face physical restraint/de-escalation training regionally or individually to PSUs. PSUs should determine their Crisis Management needs and utilize funding to customize professional development in this area. Thus, future professional development support from NCDPI includes a more flexible delivery of content.

- The PSU must request funding for the 2022-2023 school year. PSUs will need to apply for these funds by completing the [De-Escalation application](#) no later than November 7, 2022. These funds will be allocated in PRC 118. The amount awarded will be determined based on building capacity and sustainability.
- NC DPI has determined the funds can be requested to build capacity and sustainability in de-escalation through the 2023-2024 school year. The initial requests began in the 2021-2022 school year.
- The current funds are to be utilized for De-escalation Training to support the Deborah Greenblatt Act only.

NC DPI recognized traditional professional development training methods and particular programs, such as Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), are not the only means of fulfilling the Greenblatt Act and often do not allow PSUs to build capacity and sustainability. NC DPI has developed a Verbal De-escalation course in NCEES.

- The online course may be accessed in NCEES by searching "NC De-Escalation: Prevention and Intervention", course #12408
- If you are unable to view the course through NCEES, go directly to your Canvas application and import the course from Canvas Commons. Directions for doing so can be found [here](#).
- You may also access this course through a [Google link](#), but no CEUs will be awarded when not completed through NCEES.

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