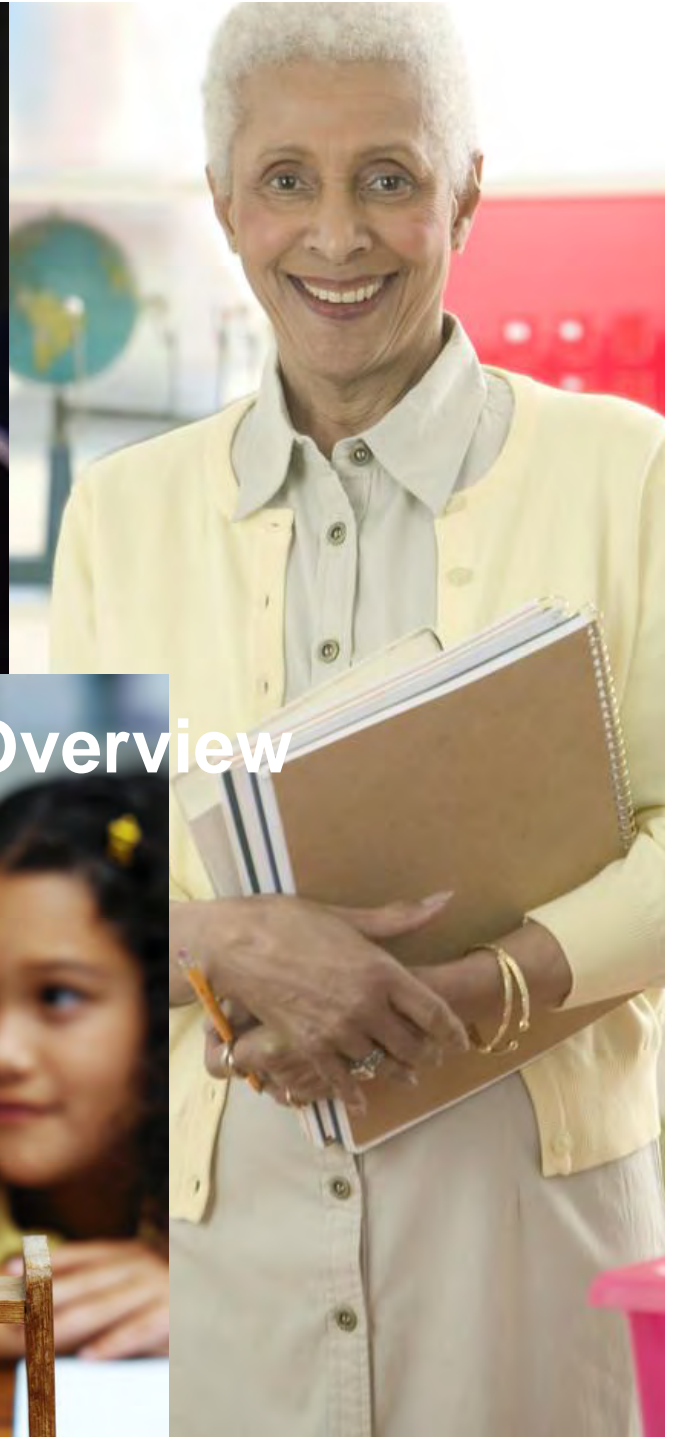
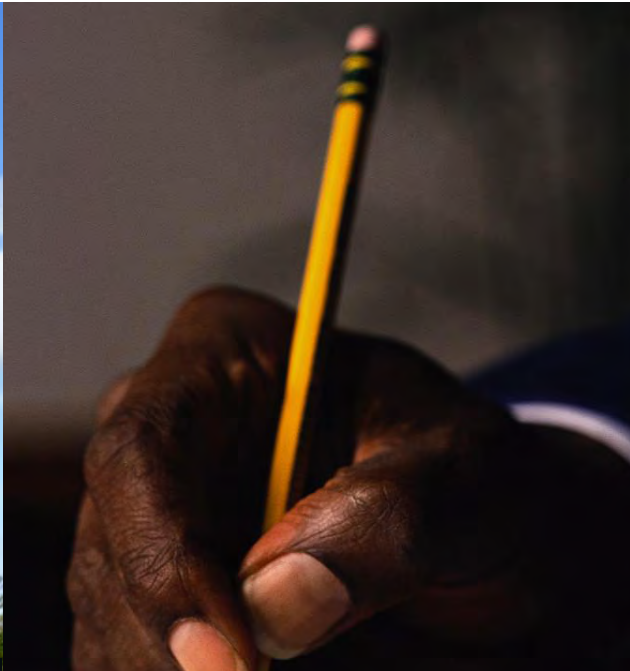


Department of Education Overview



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Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner

Florida Department of Education

Facts

- The DOE's mission is to increase the academic achievement of all students from pre-K through community college in order to prepare them for success in higher education or in the workforce.
- The DOE serves approximately 4 million students statewide:
 - 2.6 million Pre-K through 12th grade
 - 830,000 community college students
 - 390,000 adult education and career preparation students
- There are 2,540 Total Employees
 - 1,230 employees under State Board of Education
 - 1,007 employees under Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - 303 employees in Division of Blind Services
- A seven member State Board of Education - appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate

Florida Department of Education

State Board of Education

- Mr. T. Willard Fair
Chairman
Miami, Florida
- Mr. Peter Boulware
Member
Tallahassee, Florida
- Dr. Akshay Desai
Member
St. Petersburg, Florida
- Mr. Roberto Martinez
Member
Coral Gables, Florida
- Mrs. Phoebe Raulerson
Member
Tallahassee, Florida
- Ms. Kathleen Shanahan
Member
Tampa, Florida
- Mrs. Linda Taylor
Member
Fort Myers, Florida



Florida Department of Education

Key Areas of Focus

1. Strengthen foundation skills
2. Improve college and career readiness
3. Expand opportunities for postsecondary degrees and certificates
4. Improve quality of teaching in the education system
5. Improve K-12 educational choice options
6. Align resources to strategic goals

FLDOE Divisions

Public Schools

Facts:

- Covers Pre-K through grade 12
- Serves 2.7 million students
- Serves 170,000 teachers
- 3,800 public schools
- 67 school districts
- 4 Lab schools
- Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
- 5,100 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) public and private providers in 31 Early Learning Coalitions
- 134,583 children participated in the 2007-08 VPK Education Program
- 300 Division staff members
- 2 Offices:
 - Office of Just Read!, Florida
 - Office of Early Learning
- 9 Bureaus:
 - Bureau of Educator Certification
 - Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, and Retention
 - Bureau of Professional Practices Services
 - Bureau of Student Assistance
 - Bureau of School Improvement
 - Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
 - Bureau of Instruction and Innovation
 - Bureau of Family and Community Outreach
 - Bureau of Academic Achievement through Language Acquisition

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Major Milestones:

- Florida 21st Century Community Learning Centers sites provided an additional 38,164,692 student contact hours to Florida's at-risk student population.
- Five regional offices established to support districts through Florida's Differentiated Accountability model.
- Florida approved by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform to participate in Schools to Watch national program recognizing turnaround high performing middle schools.
- Developed and adopted Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies including Access Points for Students with Disabilities as well as developed and adopted Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Physical Education and Health.
- Student performance improved as measured by 2008 statewide assessments in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science .
- Research-Based Reading Instruction Allocation and K-12 District Reading Plan established in statute.
- Reading intervention for students scoring at Level 1 and 2 on FCAT Reading established in statute.
- Statewide leadership development coordinated by FloridaSchoolLeaders.org, with 11,000+ registered users completing 444,595 hours of professional development in the 2007-08 school year.
- Issued 85,848 educator certificates.
- Adopted 2008 VPK Education Standards that align with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in Mathematics.
- Over 21,000 instructors completed training on the VPK Standards and over 36,115 completed the Emergent Literacy Course for VPK Instructors.

FLDOE Divisions

Community Colleges

Facts:

- Florida's Community Colleges are the key access point to higher education.
- 28 community colleges, 176 sites in Florida.
- Total student population is over 800,000.
- "2+2" system of credit articulation between community colleges and state universities.
- The majority of Florida's bachelor degree graduates complete first two years at a community college and transfer that guaranteed credit within the State University System.
- Community colleges supplement high school workforce education programs; provide courses that earn both college and high school credit ("dual enrollment").
- Some community colleges are authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees in nursing, teaching, and the applied sciences.

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Major Milestones:

- 67% of public higher education nursing degrees awarded in FL are produced in community colleges. Nursing graduates increased from 2,600 in 2002 to 4,200 in 2007— a 60% increase in nurse production over 5 years.
- Nearly 73% of first responders (police, fire, medical technicians, paramedics) graduate from community college programs.
- Educator Preparation Institutes (EPIs) are operational at all 28 community colleges. Enrollment increased 81% in 2007 and 98% successfully passed the Florida Teacher Certification Exam and became certified teachers.
- Community colleges are the only education sector in Florida to have successfully and voluntarily implemented performance based funding.

FLDOE Divisions

Workforce Education

Facts:

- Provides curriculum leadership and instructional technical assistance and support for:
 - Career and Technical Education
 - Apprenticeship Programs
 - Adult General Education
 - Continuing Workforce Education
 - Migrant Education programs
- 320,000 secondary career and technical education students in the 67 public school districts.
- 350,000 adult and postsecondary students in 55 school districts.
- Approximately 335,000 adult and postsecondary students in our 28 community colleges.

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Major Milestones:

- Next Generation Occupational Standards – kick off meeting with approximately 175 representatives from business and industry and the education community in attendance.
- SkillsUSA had 105 medals at the national level, 31-1st place medals, 40-2nd place medals.
- Approval of the Carl D. Perkins CTE Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) 5-year Plan which resulted in \$65M of federal funding.
- Awarded \$182,557 grant from USDOE for the development of articulation agreements for Biotechnology programs.

FLDOE Divisions

Accountability, Research and Measurement

Facts:

- The state's repository for education data.
- Collects data from school districts, community colleges, universities, and independent postsecondary institutions.
- The Division has 6 primary units.
 - The Assessment and School Performance Bureau oversees the administration of all statewide assessments.
 - The Evaluation and Reporting Bureau calculates school grades and other annual reports.
 - Education Information and Accountability Services Bureau collects and maintains PreK-12 staff and student information.
 - The Community College and Technical Center Management Information System Bureau collects and maintains community college and technical center staff and student information.
 - Education Data Warehouse is the Department's PreK-20 longitudinal education data repository.
 - The Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program links education data to employment, public assistance, military enlistments, and other data resources.

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FLDOE Divisions

Finance and Operations

Facts:

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Education for Finance and Operations includes functions that provide for the financial management of internal operations and the distribution of funds to external clients as well as the management of the general operations of the Department of Education. There are nine (9) major units under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner (600 FTE). The nine units include: (1) Contracts, Grants and Procurement; (2) Budget Management; (3) Comptroller; (4) Educational Facilities; (5) Student Financial Assistance; (6) School Business Services; (7) General Services; (8) Personnel Management and Labor Relations; and (9) Technology and Information Services.

Primarily responsible for:

- preparation of the annual budget for the Commissioner and State Board of Education
- financial analyses of education issues for the Commissioner, State Board, Governor, and Legislature
- financial and operations management of the Department
- coordination of school district class size implementation and compliance
- emergency operations for the Department and liaison with school districts, community colleges and universities
- coordination of audit responses to the Auditor General, USDOE, USDA, OPPAGA and the DOE Inspector General
- technology and information services for the Department, school districts and community colleges

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Key functions include:

- funding and financial reporting for school districts, including the distribution of more than \$8.5 billion in state funds for school district operations.
- manage the allocation and distribution of education funds.
- manage and allocate funds for school food services, and student transportation services.
- funding and management of education facilities projects.
- provide oversight for state scholarship programs and the federal student loan guaranty programs.
- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the Department including, but not limited to, personnel management, labor relations, and general services functions.

FLDOE Divisions

Blind Services

Facts:

- Ensures blind and visually-impaired persons living in Florida have the tools, support, and opportunity to achieve success.
- The Division has 19 office locations throughout the state.
- Serves approximately 50,600 blind and visually-impaired people.
- The Division has 300 FTE's and has over 50 contracts with service providers who provide direct services to the Division's clients.
- The Division manages a residential training center for the blind.
- The Division manages 7 programs that serve the blind in Florida:
 1. Blind Babies Program
 2. Children's Program
 3. Transition Services
 4. Vocational Rehabilitation
 5. Independent Living
 6. Braille and Talking Book Library Services
 7. Orientation and Adjustment Center
 8. Business Enterprises Program.

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Awards:

- 2007 Governor's Sterling Award
- 2008 Davis Productivity Award for the AWARE Case Management System Project

FLDOE Divisions

Vocational Rehabilitation

Facts:

- Serves Individuals with Disabilities
- 4 Major programs:
 - General Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Injured Worker Program
 - Adults with Disabilities Grant Program
 - Center for Independent Living

Current Focus

- DVR implemented an “Order of Selection” effective August 4, 2008. This allows DVR to place eligible customers on a waiting list, and individuals will be served from the wait list based on the level of severity of their disability. DVR also implemented a “Financial Participation” requirement effective April 14, 2008, which requires individuals with economic means to participate in the cost of some specified services.
- The number of successful employment outcomes for General Vocational Rehabilitation Program has increased by 33% from FY04-05 to FY07-08.
- The growth of consumer demand on the program resulted in “Purchased Client Services” costs surpassing VR’s financial means. Drafted “Financial Participation Determination” process, solicited public input, held public hearings, and implemented co-pay for customers at or over 185% of federal poverty level on April 14, 2008. Order of Selection was invoked on August 4, 2008 which will assist with staying focused on individuals with the most significant disabilities while living within available financial resources.

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- On February 10, 2009 VR had invited 3,600 customers from the Order of Selection waiting list. The movement of those customers into the status of receiving services under a signed Individualized Plan for Employment has been slower than envisioned.
- Order of Selection has allowed DVR to reduce the size of the active, In-Plan caseload to match available financial resources. On February 10, 2009 the waiting list had 11,263 individuals, but the number on the waiting list is now decreasing slightly with each release of names from the waiting list, done twice monthly.
- Turnover for entry level Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor positions presents on-going challenges. Low salaries and high cost of living present major challenges to recruitment and retention of qualified professional counselors.

FLDOE

Office of The Commissioner

1. Chief Strategy Office - Sandy Cho, Chief Strategy Officer
2. Senior Advisor for Legislative Policy and Budget – John Newman
3. Office of Inspector General – Ed Jordan, Inspector General
Provides independent internal auditing, investigative, and management review services to the DOE.
3. Office of General Counsel – Deborah Kearny, General Counsel
Provides legal advice and assistance to the State Board, Commissioner, and all of the units within the DOE in interpreting statutes and rules.
4. Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice – Mike Kooi, Director
Provides technical assistance and information on program statutes, State Board rules and policies to public charter schools, public virtual schools, private schools, home educations and district staff charged with choice program implementation.
5. Office of Communications – Erin Geraghty, Director
Develops and executes communications strategies to external and internal stakeholders. Serves as a resource to the Governor's office, Office of the Commissioner, other divisions as well as to the media.
6. Office of Governmental Relations – Tanya Cooper, Deputy Director
Coordinates the legislative activities of the divisions within the DOE and serves as a liaison between the DOE and the Governor's office and the Legislative staff.
7. Commission for Independent Education – Sam Ferguson, Director
Statutory responsibilities in matters relating to the over 800 non-public post-secondary educational institutions in Florida – licensing, data management, consumer protection, program improvement, and administration.
8. Office of Articulation – Heather Sherry, Director
Provides statewide guidance to districts and post-secondary institutions related to acceleration mechanisms-Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certification of Education (AICE), and College Level Exam Program (CLEP).
9. State Board of Education – Lynn Abbott, Agency Clerk