






FOIL Spring 2024 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, May 16 th , 2024		Orlando Lake Mary Marriott	
TIME	CONTENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION
7:30am - 5:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS/EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast		
8:30am - 8:50am	FOIL Welcome/ Platinum Partners Recognition  	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	Main Ballroom
8:50am - 12:20pm	Opening General Session Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Updates Florida Department of Education Updates	Led by FDJJ and FDOE Teams	
12:20pm - 12:30pm	Gold Sponsor Recognition   	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Breakout Session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Implementing Internet Safety Instruction within Health Education and Computer Science * From Classroom to Career: The Power of Mentorship in Teacher Preparation * Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Education Partnership * Building Resiliency and the 2023 Florida-Specific Youth Survey Results * Division of Early Learning Updates 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
2:45pm - 3:45pm	Breakout Session #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Implementing Internet Safety Instruction within Health Education and Computer Science * From Classroom to Career: The Power of Mentorship in Teacher Preparation * Understanding the Development of Skilled Reading * Supporting Military Children and Families: Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission 101 * School Safety Legislation Update; House Bill 1473 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Breakout Session #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Maximizing Federal Grants to Increase Student Achievement * K-12 Civics Education: Engaging Future Leaders * Exploring Authentic, Decodable and Leveled Texts * Supporting Military Children and Families: Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission 101 * School Safety Legislation Update; House Bill 1473 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
5:00pm - 7:00pm	RECEPTION (Grand Terrace)		

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7:00am - 8:00am	BREAKFAST		
7:00am - 1:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS / EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakout Session #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * African American History Education: Planning with a Purpose * Florida’s Instructional Materials: A New Timeline * Understanding the Development of Skilled Reading * School Improvement Initiatives: Supports for Students with Disabilities that Lead to Increased Academic Achievement * Stronger Connections Grant: Focus on Achievement and Attendance for SWDs and ELLs 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
9:15am - 10:15am	Breakout Session #5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Holocaust Education: Resources and Lesson Planning * Mathematics Interventions: Best Practices, Needs Assessment, and Instructional Materials * Exploring Authentic, Decodable and Leveled Texts * School Improvement Initiatives: Supports for Students with Disabilities that Lead to Increased Academic Achievement * K-12 Civics Education: Engaging Future Leaders 		Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H Orchid
10:30am - 12:00pm	Closing General Session FDOE Assessment and Accountability Updates	Led by FDOE Team	Main Ballroom
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch		

FOIL Spring 2024 Breakout Sessions Details

Session Topic #1

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Education Partnership

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has aligned their policies to better support student attendance, academic achievement, and positive behavior for all students on probation attending schools in your community. This presentation will review the statute and policy changes impacting students on probation and share details on increased collaboration including the need for student attendance, achievement, and behavior records to better support student success. Come learn how you can leverage probation officer support to help your students achieve their highest potential.

Presented by: Sonny Peacock, Assistant Secretary of Probation and Community Intervention, and Julie Orange, Director of Education

Session Topic #2

School Safety Legislation Update; House Bill 1473

This session will provide school district administrators with current information relating to their role in school safety, including the new requirements outlined in House Bill 1473.

Presented by: Darren Norris, Vice Chancellor, Office of Safe Schools

Session Topic #3

Division of Early Learning Updates

This session will provide VPK updates, including updates on VPK Provider Accountability and new policy and programs established this past legislative session.

Presented by: Cari Miller, Chancellor of Early Learning

Session Topic #4

Building Resiliency and the 2023 Florida-Specific Youth Survey Results

This session will focus on updates to the Resiliency resources and an overview of the results from the first administration of the Florida-Specific Youth Survey. Participants will learn more about how these resources can inform supports for students in their districts as well as the new Resiliency Coach training for parents, grandparents, and volunteers.

Presented by: Dr. Peggy Aune and Dr. Andrew Weatherill

Session Topic #5

School Improvement Initiatives: Supports for Students with Disabilities that Lead to Increased Academic Achievement

This session will focus on effective instructional strategies to support students with disabilities, including evidence-based practices observed in districts that have demonstrated positive outcomes. Participants will have the opportunity for discussion and to learn more about the IDEA state funded projects available to all Florida local educational agencies at no cost for technical assistance, information for families, or professional learning for educators.

Presented by: Alice Schmitges and Dustin Sims

Session Topic #6

Maximizing Federal Grants to Increase Student Achievement

This session will highlight school improvement efforts and how the coordination of federal program funds can maximize student achievement outcomes. Participants will learn more about the need for evidence-based strategies to increase student achievement, plan effective professional learning opportunities and support student subgroups performing below the Federal Index thresholds.

Presented by: Carla Greene and Jennifer Kruis

Session Topic #7

Stronger Connections Grant: Focus on Achievement and Attendance for SWDs and ELLs

This session will focus on the goals and objectives of the Stronger Connections Grant program with an emphasis on achievement and attendance for students with disabilities and English Language Learners. Participants will learn more about alignment of programmatic outcomes with the Department's Resiliency Education standards as well as supporting schools in addressing the challenges of chronic absenteeism.

Presented by: Andria Cole and Dr. Raydel Hernandez

Session Topic #8

Supporting Military Children and Families: Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission 101

This session will focus on how the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children works, state structure and implementation, rules, and regulations, and how the Compact supports the approximately 40,000 military students in Florida. Participants will have the opportunity to interact and share ideas to support these students and families.

Presented by: Dr. Andrew Weatherill and Damera Hopkins (FDOE); Lindsey Dablow from the National Military Council Office

Session Topic #9

From Classroom to Career: The Power of Mentorship in Teacher Preparation

Strong mentorship programs produce well-prepared teachers! This session will provide an overview of the varying pathways to the education profession in Florida, with a focus on the Teacher Apprenticeship Program. The pivotal role of the mentorship component highlights the importance of partnerships between school districts and state universities. The essential components of building robust mentor programs will be covered, from mentor selection to ongoing professional learning, through the lens of teacher apprenticeship. Through effective mentorship training, Florida's mentors will be equipped with the necessary skills to coach mentees, thus increasing the quality of teacher preparation.

Presented by: Dr. Josey McDaniel

Session Topic #10

Implementing Internet Safety Instruction within Health Education and Computer Science

In this session, participants will explore how state academic standards address internet safety within health education and computer science. This session will include comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate strategies for educators to utilize through their instruction to inform students on the effects of social media. This session will also provide an overview of the development of Internet safety standards, resources to implement related instruction and horizontal alignment within content areas, including computer science.

Presented by: Meghan Spencer and Courtney Starling

Session Topic #11

Florida's Instructional Materials: A New Timeline

In this session participants will gain an in-depth understanding of the changes to the Instructional Materials Adoption timeline, the positive impact it will have on districts and next steps for the upcoming adoption. This session will focus on the pivotal role of Florida's districts in the adoption and the partnership with the Department of Education. Participants will leave this session fully equipped to assist their districts and stakeholders through the Instructional Materials Adoption at the district and state level.

Presented by: Katelyn Barrington

Session Topic #12

Mathematics Interventions: Best Practices, Needs Assessment, and Instructional Materials

In this session participants will leave fully equipped with best practices for providing mathematics interventions for students who have been identified as having a substantial deficiency in mathematics for Grades K-4. Participants will also learn about the process and timeline for the 2024-2025 adoption for K-4 Mathematics Intervention Materials and the corresponding Needs Assessment.

Presented by: Courtney Startling and Kately Barrington

Session Topic #13

African American History Education: Planning with a Purpose

Participants will gain an understanding of the criteria for being identified as an Exemplary School district for African American History, including the requirements and benefits of becoming an exemplary district. Participants will also get a preview of the African American History Task Force (AAHTF) Summer Institute for 2024 and will leave the session with an increased insight into African American History pedagogical methodologies and strategies to serve our students with excellence and acquire valuable knowledge to help them obtain exemplary district status.

Presented by: Glen Gilzean, Chairman of the African American History Task Force; PJ Duncan (FDOE)

Session Topic #14

Holocaust Education: Resources and Lesson Planning

Participants will gain an in depth understanding of Holocaust Education resources and opportunities being offered throughout the state. Additionally, we are excited to provide information about Holocaust Education week for the 2024-2025 school year to participants. Participants will leave the session with an increased understanding of holocaust education methodologies and strategies to better serve our districts and increase the quality of Holocaust education in their schools.

Presented by: Michale Igel, Chairman of the Holocaust Education Task Force; PJ Duncan and Timothy MacGregor (FDOE)

Session Topic #15

K-12 Civics Education: Engaging Future Leaders

This session is focused on civics education and understanding how to use primary source documents effectively. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of civics standards and benchmarks. This knowledge will allow them to better guide students through civics education and make connections between the curriculum and the real world. This session will also provide an opportunity for participants to compare and contrast civics benchmarks across various grade levels and help educators see how civics education progresses and how they can tailor their teaching strategies to suit different student age groups and abilities.

Presented by: Kenneth Chestnut, Tyler Eastridge and Lauren Kappler

Session Topic #16

Understanding the Development of Skilled Reading

This session will deepen understanding of the four models that describe skilled reading. Participants will apply reading theory to instructional practices that effectively support word reading development in the early stages of learning to read. In addition, this session will highlight the misalignment of using three-cueing strategies for word reading.

Presented by: Paige Michael, Iris Borghese, Jackie Carey

Session Topic #17

Exploring Authentic, Decodable and Leveled Texts

Participants will have hands-on experience exploring three different text types (decodable, leveled and authentic), how they can be utilized to strengthen the skills within the reading rope and their implications for learning. When given a student scenario, participants will collaborate to select an appropriate text type and instructional focus based on the student's need.

Presented by: Paige Michael, Iris Borghese, Jackie Carey

Save the Date:

FOIL 2024 Fall Conference
November 13th – 14th, 2024
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