

This is a new rule.

6A-5.090 Content Area Reading Professional Development.

(1) Pursuant to Section 1003.413(4)(b), Florida Statutes, the Department of Education must provide a professional development package designed to provide information that content area teachers in grades 6-12 need to become proficient in applying scientifically based reading strategies through their content areas. Content Area Reading Professional Development (CAR-PD) is designed to prepare content area teachers to effectively deliver reading intervention to students who are fluent readers in English and who score at Level 2 in reading on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Districts may elect whether to offer CAR-PD as an option within a school or school district.

(2) Personnel for whom CAR-PD is appropriate.

(a) In accordance with Rule 6A-6.054, F.A.C., teachers who are not certified in Reading (Grades K-12) or endorsed in reading, or who do not meet the definition of “highly qualified” in reading under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, and who provide reading intervention to fluent Level 2 students in their content area class must complete the CAR-PD package.

(b) Career and technical educators, both those who have a state-issued teaching certificate and those who do not, are candidates for the CAR-PD package. In addition, those teachers may enroll in and complete the district add-on reading endorsement program if they wish to acquire advanced knowledge in teaching reading.

(3) The CAR-PD one hundred fifty (150) hour package consists of Florida On-Line Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) or Florida Reading Initiative (FRI) or any state approved competency 2 in the reading endorsement for sixty (60) inservice points, the CAR-PD Face to Face Academy for sixty (60) inservice points and a thirty (30) hour practicum developed by

Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLaRE) and/or by the district. Each district practicum must address Competency 6 indicators to include the following indicators from the Reading Endorsement Competencies: 6.1, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.9, 6.10 and 6.12 as incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-4.0163, F.A.C.

(4) Content area teachers must take FOR-PD or FRI or any state approved competency 2 in the reading endorsement in its entirety before beginning the sixty (60) hour Face to Face CAR-PD Academy. Once those two (2) courses are completed, content area teachers may begin to provide reading intervention through their content area classes to fluent students who score Level 2 on FCAT. These teachers may take the thirty (30) hour practicum simultaneously with providing reading intervention.

(5) The district shall decide who will facilitate the district practicum. Additionally, the district shall decide the time configuration of the sixty (60) hour Face to Face Academy.

(6) CAR-PD is a train the trainer model, and FLaRE coordinators are the designated professional developers for the school or district-based CAR-PD teacher trainers. Once trained by FLaRE, these facilitators may return to their school or districts and deliver the sixty (60) hour Face to Face CAR-PD Academy to content area teachers.

(7) Educators who have Reading Endorsement or Reading Certification K-12 are required to complete the sixty (60) hour Face to Face CAR-PD Academy in order to be qualified to train content area teachers. Other educators with reading expertise, and at the discretion of and selection by the district, may also qualify to teach the sixty (60) hour Face to Face CAR-PD Academy to content area teachers if they complete the entire one hundred fifty (150) hour CAR-PD package prior to teaching the sixty (60) hour Face to Face CAR-PD Academy. Other

educators must complete the one hundred fifty (150) hour CAR-PD package in order to be qualified to be a trainer of content area teachers.

(8) CAR-PD does not fulfill the requirements for a Reading Endorsement.

(9) Inservice hours earned through CAR-PD may be used for renewal of certificates in all subject areas.

Specific Authority 1001.02(2), 1001.215, 1003.413(3)(g), (4)(b), 1003.4156, 1003.428 FS. Law

Implemented 1001.215, 1003.413(3)(g), (4)(b), 1003.4156, 1003.428 FS. History–

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