Which Courses Count towards the SWD Certification Renewal? (You need 20 Points **EVERY** five years)

Please Note *You may only earn credit **ONCE** for a course!*

So think carefully before you take them all at once.

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Throughout the school year there will be varied opportunities to attend workshops or other learning opportunities that may count towards the 20 SWD points needed to renew your teaching certificate. The quick way to tell if the learning opportunity counts is to look at the Course Name which is a 7-Digit number. **If the 7-Digit number is followed by an E, then the course counts**.

There are also specific courses that have been designed to help you fulfill this requirement:

AVAILABLE THROUGH ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT at:

https://inside.stjohns.k12.fl.us/pd/ese/

The following are online modules that are available all year long.

These modules are accessed on inside.stjohns and are only available to those with *inside* access.

There are four (4) modules available:

1. Module 1: Accommodations Instructional Supports — worth 5 points
2. Module 2: Differentiated Instruction — worth 10 points
3. Module 3: Addressing Disruptive Behavior — worth 5 points
4. Module 4: Addressing Behavior & Class Management — worth 5 points

To take advantage of these modules:

1. Login to inside.stjohns.k12.fl.us
2. Click the Blue Quicklink for Professional Development
3. Click on SWD Online Modules (on the right side of the page)
4. Complete the course online
5. Print the signature sheet and have your ILC or Principal verify you have completed
6. Whomever signs off should email either Valerie.Etienne-Leveille@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Melinda.Bogart@stjohns.k12.fl.us that you have completed
7. You will be marked as completed and the points will show on your transcript
8. Check your transcript by logging into BusinessPlus and clicking on Course Transcript

AVAILABLE THROUGH FDLRS BEESS Portal at https://fl-pda.org

The BESE (Bureau of Exceptional Student Education) of Florida Department of Education work through FDLRS to offer courses delivered through the PDA Portal (Professional Development Alternatives). Though all courses are completed online, some are Facilitated with specific start and end dates and some are completely independent and are available all year long.

Many of these courses DO count towards the SWD points needed for certification renewal. Others count towards general inservice points (*you need a total of 120 to renew up to three areas of certification*), and some don't count for points at all.

These courses are accessed at: **https://fl-pda.org** and are available to anyone.

To take advantage of these courses:

1. Go to **https://fl-pda.org**
2. Select either Facilitated or Independent
3. View the Offerings
4. To take a **Facilitated Session**
   a. Click on PDA Coordinator and contact either Amy Lane or Dawn Smythe to create an account log-in
   b. Now you can register for any of the Facilitated Courses listed on the site
   c. Complete the course
   d. Receive your Certificate of Completion
   e. Upload the Certificate of Completion in BusinessPlus or attach to an email and send to *either* Valerie.Etienne-Leveille@stjohns.k12.fl.us *or* Melinda.Bogart@stjohns.k12.fl.us
   f. You will be marked as completed and the points will show on your transcript
   g. Check your transcript by logging into BusinessPlus and clicking on Course Transcript
5. To take an **Independent Session**
   a. Select the course you would like to complete
   b. Click on it and Register
   c. Complete the course online
   d. Print the signature sheet and have your ILC or Principal verify you have completed
      i. THIS IS YOUR LAST ASSIGNMENT FOR THIS COURSE
   e. Upload the final assignment with the signature sheet to the course
   f. Receive your certificate of Completion
6. Save the Certificate of Completion to verify you have completed
7. Login to BusinessPlus
8. Upload your Certificate of Completion using the • Upload Files button
9. Upload to the Professional Learning Logs folder
10. Allow at least two weeks for points to appear on your Course Transcript
11. **If you wish to take a course and you don't see it in BusinessPlus, please contact the Professional Development Department and we can help ☺

BESE Portal Independent Study Courses that Count towards SWD Points for Certification Renewal:

Course	Points
DeafEd Express	worth 6 points
Effective Teaching Practices for SWDs	worth 20 points
Inclusive Practices for the Developmentally Appropriate Pre-K Classroom	worth 10 points
Language Reading Connection For Deaf/Hard of Hearing	worth 10 points
Math, Difficulties, Disabilities, & Dyscalculia	worth 7 points
Reading, Differentiation, Disabilities, & Dyslexia	worth 20 points
Teaching Students with Disabilities	worth 20 points
Teaching Students with Disabilities for Physical Education	worth 20 points
Teaching Students with Disabilities in the Fine Arts	worth 20 points
Usher Syndrome Screening	worth 5 points
Universal Design for Learning K-12 Lesson Plans	worth 5 points