

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.

You should always check your SJCS D PD Transcript to make sure you have not previously taken a course. 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 and IRIS.PEABODY 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. Complete the course online
2. Print the signature/verification form and written assignments
3. Complete the written tasks identified on the verification form
4. Submit the written task and evidence you have completed the online module to your ILC or Principal
5. Whomever signs off will email Melinda.Bogart@stjohns.k12.fl.us that you have completed
6. You will be marked as completed and the points will show on your transcript
7. Check your transcript by logging into BusinessPlus and clicking on Course Transcript

AVAILABLE THROUGH FDLRS BEES 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 Independent
3. If you have not yet used this site, you will need to create a new account once you click on sign in
4. View the Offerings
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. Complete the written task(s) for the course
 - e. Submit your final written task(s) for grading to your ILC or Principal
 - f. Print the signature/verification form and have your ILC or Principal verify you have completed
 - i. THIS IS YOUR LAST ASSIGNMENT FOR THIS COURSE
 - g. Upload the final assignment with the signature sheet to the course
 - h. Save your certificate of Completion
6. Save the Certificate of Completion to verify you have completed
7. Attach the certificate to an email and send to Melinda.Bogart@stjohns.k12.fl.us that you have completed
8. You will be marked as completed and the points will show on your transcript
9. Check your transcript by logging into BusinessPlus and clicking on Course Transcript

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

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
Integrating Student Services for Inclusive Schools	worth 20 points (* follow-up is LONG!)