



INSTITUTE FOR SMALL
AND RURAL DISTRICTS



Service Collaboration Achievement



The Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD) project provides training and technical assistance designed to support positive outcomes for students with disabilities and their families across a network of fifty-two (52) small and rural Florida school districts including local education agency (LEA) charter schools. The project assists district-level administrators and school-based administrators as they implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations and the Florida State Performance Plan (SPP).

Working in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education and the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), the goal of the ISRD project is to enhance overall services to students with disabilities and those at risk to increase student performance.

Targeted Audiences

- Superintendents
- ESE Directors
- Student Services Directors
- Principals
- Assistant Principals
- Deans
- ESE Staffing Specialists
- School Psychologists
- School Counselors
- School Nurses
- Social Workers

Service Delivery

- Professional Learning Community Book Walks
- Coaching and Mentoring for ESE Administrators
- School District Peer-to-Peer Collaboration
- On-site Technical Support
- Training Events
- Purchase and Distribution of Media

Topics Addressed in Collaboration with Discretionary Projects

- ESE Policy and Procedures
- Legal Compliance and Current Case Studies
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- Mental Health
- Disproportionate Discipline
- Moving Your Numbers: The Six Key Practices
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Understanding Poverty
- School Climate
- Florida B.E.S.T. Standards

Products

- ISRD Website
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Project Annual Report
- Recorded Webinars
- Live Binders

ISRD Training

Multiple training opportunities are offered each quarter to ISRD Districts in Florida's Heartland (HEC), North East (NEFEC), and Panhandle (PAEC) Regions. The focus of these trainings are increasing the participants' skills in data-driven decisions to maximize student outcomes, knowledge of ESE procedures and practices, and ESE Legal Compliance and Current Studies. Topics identified through the ISRD Needs Assessment Survey are the focal points of these trainings, including improving graduation rates, decreasing dropout rates, addressing disproportionate discipline, mental health, alternatives to suspension, and closing the achievement gap for students with disabilities.

Professional Learning Community (PLC) Book Walks

Book walks are offered to participants as a mechanism to remain current in their knowledge and skills regarding best practices for the instruction of students with disabilities. Virtual sessions encourage detailed discussions and collaboration amongst colleagues. Each participant receives a copy of the resource to be discussed.

ISRD Newsletter

Quarterly ISRD Newsletters are disseminated electronically to all ISRD stakeholders. The newsletter focuses on district initiatives, innovative practices, current research, and up-to-date professional resources.

	Annual Data July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		Cumulative Data July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2021	
	Total Participants	Total Offerings	Total Participants	Total Offerings
Training				
Institutes and Conferences	1,196	11	3,453	29
Training Opportunities	1,542	26	10,408	224
Service Delivery				
Professional Learning Community (PLC) Book Walks	86	4	576	43
Collaborative Meetings	1,854	260	3,724	375
On-Site Technical Support	297	27	558	84
Coaching and Mentoring for ESE Administrators	668	19	368	85
School District Peer-to-Peer Collaboration	863	26	9,798	254
Products	Total Recipients	Total Products	Total Recipients	Total Products
ISRD Newsletter	6,236	4	21,991	24
ISRD Annual Report	4,355	86	6,197	27

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ISRD supports Florida's goals of higher student achievement, skilled workforce and economic development, seamless articulation and maximum access, and quality efficient services.

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Panhandle Region

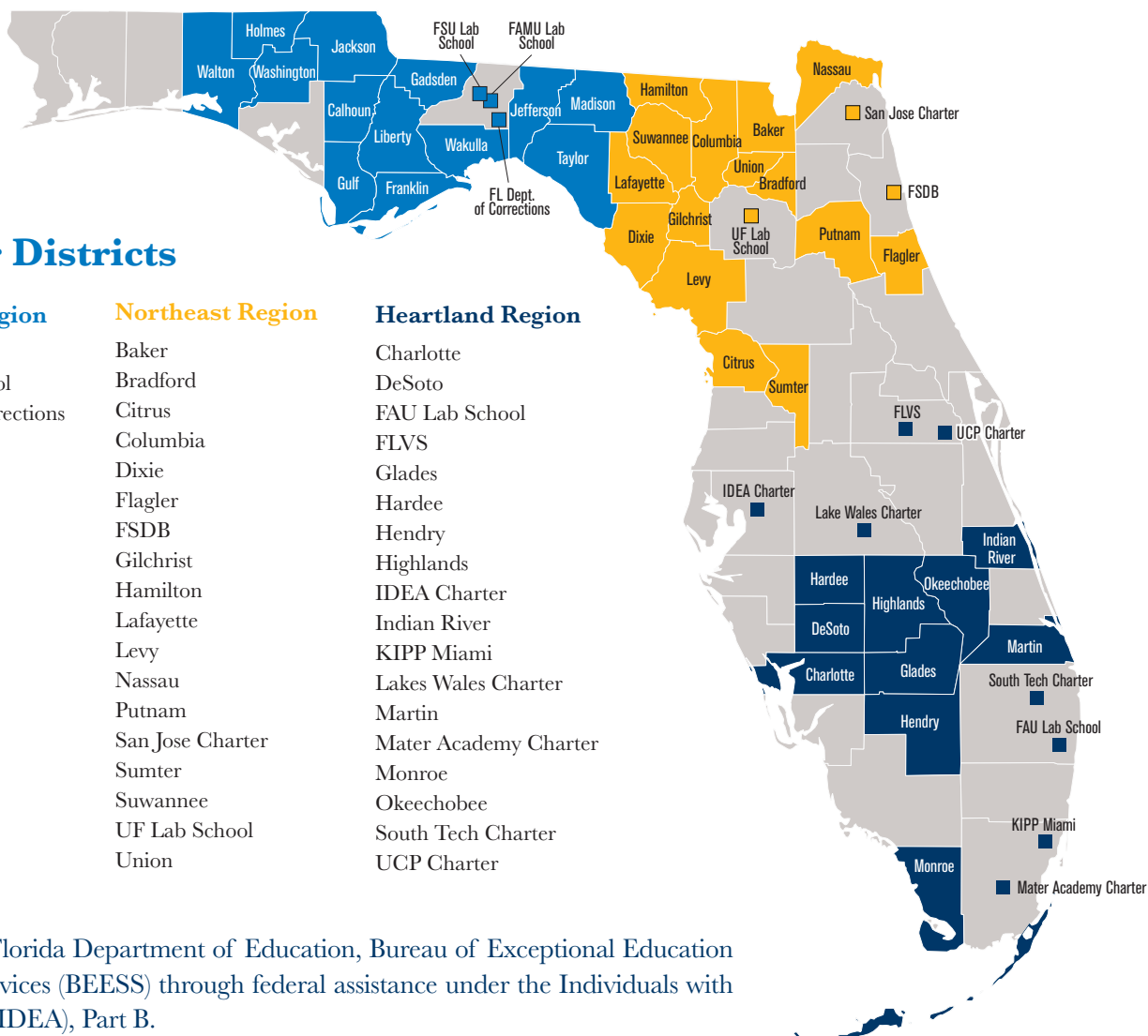
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FLVS
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