

**FRA/DOE Update**  
**February 7, 2014**

- Reading Endorsement/ESOL Certification:
  - Teachers who have the reading endorsement and wish to acquire ESOL **certification** must take the subject area exam **and** complete 120 of in-service in ESOL.
  - Both the reading and ESOL endorsements have been revised in the last several years and any overlap has not been established, therefore reading endorsed teachers must complete 120 hours like everyone else does.
  - There is no crosswalk between the reading endorsement and the ESOL endorsement, so teachers who wish to acquire both must complete them both in their entirety.
- Reading Endorsement courses:
  - The content of face-to-face reading endorsement courses is now complete and is being reviewed.
  - The JRF office should be able to provide these courses to districts for their use by the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.
- K-12 Plan: The application should be available for districts in the next couple of weeks.
- Standards/Assessments:
  - The proposed changes to the standards are going to the State Board of Education on February 18<sup>th</sup> for approval.
  - ELA – addition of cursive writing standards at the elementary level.
  - The Commissioner expects to make a decision regarding the assessment Florida will use in March.
- Summer PD:
  - Districts will have the opportunity to apply for funds to conduct professional development in their districts to conduct their own professional development this summer. The JRF office will be supporting district provided PD as needed.
  - District RFA for Summer Professional Development (PD) on Florida Standards – [Mary.Tappen@fldoe.org](mailto:Mary.Tappen@fldoe.org)
- FAIR:
  - Work is continuing on the FAIR aligned to the new standards and the system should be ready for use for school year 2014-15.
  - Plans are being discussed for the provision of professional development.