

## **EDUCATOR RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Renewal Application Procedure**

1. All applications need to be submitted to the FLDOE to be processed: <https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/mainMenu.do>
2. The FLDOE notifies the district of an open application to be processed.
3. The requirements for renewal will be approved by the Professional Development Department (Natalie Geldern)
4. After renewal requirements have been approved, the PCS Certification team will complete the submission of the application back to the FLDOE.
5. **For current instructional staff** employees, the PCS Certification team will approve a payroll deduction of \$75.00.

**\*For charter school instructional staff** employees, you must confirm District Affiliation 52-Pinellas when prompted within the application. Submit payment of \$75.00 (check or money order payable to Pinellas County School District) to the PCS mailing address (301 4TH St. SW Largo, FL 33770) or by using the PCS pony to HR/Certification/Administration Building.

**\*For retired** employees, you must confirm District Affiliation 52-Pinellas when prompted within the application. Submit payment of \$75.00 (check or money order payable to Pinellas County School District) to the PCS mailing address (301 4TH St. SW Largo, FL 33770) or by using the PCS pony to HR/Certification/Administration Building.

Once the application has been submitted, please contact the Professional Development Department, Natalie Geldern, at [geldernn@pcsb.org](mailto:geldernn@pcsb.org) to verify and send your renewal credits to the FLDOE.

Teachers may view and print a list of completed trainings by accessing the Professional Learning Network (PLN). Contact the Pro-Ed facilitator at your school site or Natalie Geldern, Professional Development, [geldernn@pcsb.org](mailto:geldernn@pcsb.org) for information concerning component points.

- A total of 120 component points is required to renew a certificate. Six semester hours of college credit (two college courses of three credits) or the equivalent must be earned during each renewal period. Sixty in-service points are equivalent to three semester hours of college credit. For more than four subjects (excluding endorsements), you will need an additional three semesters of college credit or the equivalent of sixty in-service points.
- 20 of the 120 component points must be in Exceptional Student Education/Students with Disabilities (ESE/SWD). The requirement does not add to the total hours required by the Department of Education for continuing education or in-service training.
- A passing score on the Florida subject area test specific to the coverage to be renewed is equivalent to three semester hours of college credit for renewal purposes.
- A valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) will renew the Florida certificate only in the subject shown on the national certificate for as long as the national certificate remains valid.
- Teaching a college course at an acceptable institution may be accepted as credit earned for that course.

## **Reading Mandate Renewal Points Requirement**

An educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of **July 1, 2020**, or thereafter, must have earned **at least two (2) college credits, or forty (40) in-service points in evidence-based instruction and interventions per Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C., specifically designed for students with characteristics of dyslexia, including the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonological and phonemic awareness, decoding, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverage:**

- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
- Elementary Education (1-6)
- Primary Education (K-3)
- English (1-6)
- Middle Grades English (5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (5-9)
- English (6-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Reading Endorsement
- ESOL (K-12)

### **\*Renewals beginning with a validity date of July 1, 2025**

- Exceptional Student Education K-12

You will need to complete 40 hours of qualifying Reading PD or coursework **within the last two validity periods.**

- Reading Endorsement Competency 1, 2 or 4 = 60 points
- UF Literacy Micro-Credential = Competency 1 = 60 points

### **FDLRS Courses:**

- PDA Online Module: Exploring Structured Literacy = 40 points
- PDA Online Module: Reading Difficulties, Disabilities, & Dyslexia = 20 points
- PDA Online Module: Differentiating Reading Instruction = 60 points

**Monthly Chalk Talk-New Qualifying Reading Mandate courses available**