

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs: Functional Assessment of Behavior Initial Training (FAB)
Category: Professional Development

Audience: All Principals/APs

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Information regarding Initial Functional Assessment of Behavior (FAB) professional development for teachers.

- In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), an initial two-day professional development session on Functional Assessment of Behavior (FAB) will be conducted for teachers, counselors, psychologists, social workers, staffing specialists and other staff members that work with students with disabilities. **Participation is limited to individuals that have not previously completed FAB training.** Substitute coverage will be provided for teachers that attend the session.
- The session will emphasize skills needed to develop Behavior Intervention Plans that focus on an instructional model rather than a management model.
- In identifying staff members that will participate in this session, principals should endeavor to select participants that may be utilized as a resource to guide policy decisions regarding implementation of IDEA requirements and facilitate FAB intervention. Participants will acquire facilitation skills and assist their schools in organizing school-based assessment teams. Accordingly, it is critical that participants possess leadership characteristics and demonstrate a willingness to undertake this professional learning experience. The session is not intended to assist teachers that may be encountering difficulties relating to behavior management in their classrooms.
- Scheduling information, including dates, times and locations is set forth below.

Wednesday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 7, 2008, Robert Renick Educational Center,

2201 N.W. 207th Street
in Miami. Time: 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

OR:

Thursday, October 23 and Thursday, October 30, 2008, Robert Renick Educational Center,
2201 N.W. 207th Street in Miami. Time: 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

- **Please note, participants must attend both session days.**
- Participants are required to pre-register through the online PD Menu & Registration System at

<http://calendar.dadeschools.net/>. Search for the course entitled, Initial Functional Assessment of Behavior (FAB). Pre-registered participants will earn 12 Master Plan Points (MPPs) for their attendance during both session days and completion of required follow up. Participants that fail to pre-register online will not be eligible to receive MPPs.

- In light of limited capacity, we request your assistance in encouraging teachers to register for the session as soon as possible.
 - Session presentations will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. **Please notify prospective participants that individuals arriving after 9:00 a.m. will not be permitted to attend the session and will be advised to return to their schools.** We appreciate your cooperation.
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