

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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Occupational Course of Study and Extended Content Standards Proposed Changes

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children Division, is seeking public comments for proposed changes to the Extended Content Standards. The changes will impact the *Economic and Personal Finance* for the *Extended Content Standards* and the *Occupational Course of Study Courses* for the *Extended Content Standards*.

The Exceptional Children Division convened stakeholder groups to create and review proposed changes to Extended Content Standards and Occupational Course of Studies. The draft changes can be located on the NCDPI Exceptional Children home page under [Hot Topics](#).

Questions and comments are welcomed and may be submitted until **January 22, 2021**, to ecspubcomments@dpi.nc.gov.

Last Chance

If you have not done so, please take a minute to share something positive about someone helping your child. The comments will be shared in the next edition of the 2021 newsletter, helping to start the new year off on a positive note.

<https://tinyurl.com/SpreadPositivity2021>

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.

<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-newsletter-2020>

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

- Please see the document entitled “FSN-Western NC Community Groups Workshops January”
- March 21: [World Down Syndrome Day – Virtual Run/Walk](#)
- Autism Society of NC: [Webinars](#)
- [Abilities Expo](#) (virtual): March 26-27
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance: [Events](#)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

Who can I talk to if I have questions about my child's special education services?

Knowing who to talk to when you have questions, concerns or disagreement about your child's special education services can be difficult. It is helpful to start at the school level, as school staff know your child personally. You can also reach out to the EC Director for the County the school is located (find a list of [directors here](#)).

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