

## **Rule Changes for Speech Impaired (SI) and Language Impaired (LI)**

### **WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?**

- SBE Rule 6A-6.03012, F.A.C., regarding eligibility for students with speech impairments and SBE Rule 6A-6.030121, F.A.C., regarding eligibility for students with language impairments went into effect July 1, 2010
- These new rules redefine eligibility for SI and LI without traditional limitations such as cognitive referencing, discrepancy formulas and strict cut-off scores
- Eligibility for language impairment (LI) will occur within an RtI framework already established in Florida policy
- Requires documentation (data) of the adverse effect of the speech or language impairment on the student's ability to perform and/or function in the typical learning environment

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?**

- Adhere to the new rules, effective July 1, 2010.
- Provide staff with the opportunity to review the rule changes, discuss the impact on procedures and practices, and develop an action plan to adhere to the rules and procedures

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?**

- If new rules are not followed, you will be out of compliance and a staffing committee may fail to identify or inappropriately identify a student as having a disability

### **WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?**

- LEA Representative
- Comprehensive Problem Solving/Child Study Team
- ESE Specialist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- School Psychologist
- Curriculum Specialist
- Teachers

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

- Principals, Speech-Language Pathologists, and LEA Representatives will be notified following reviews of evaluations and eligibility meetings by ESE staff.

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