

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?

- The Science Instructional Materials Adoption is underway. The pre-screening committee met in early July to review materials submitted. The Instructional Materials Adoption process will continue in the fall.
- The Instructional Focus Calendars have been updated. The fourth grade Instructional Focus Calendar now reflects only the new science standards, the Next Generation Sunshine State Science Standards (NGSSSS). All updates can be located in BEEP in Learning Village at the Elementary Science Link and the Core Curriculum Link.
- The Test Specifications for FCAT Science 2.0 will be available in late July at the DOE Sharepoint website, <http://sharepoint.leon.k12.fl.us/tdc/external/default.aspx>. Appendix B is currently available and can be located in BEEP in Learning Village at the Elementary Science link.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Support the instructional materials adoption process by encouraging teachers to participate and review the materials when available.
- Check for updates in the Instructional Focus Calendars at all levels. Direct all teachers to download and utilize the new Instructional Focus Calendars when available. Encourage teachers to periodically check for updates.
- Download Appendix B and the Test Specifications for FCAT Science 2.0 and share with teachers upon their return in August. Encourage teachers to become familiar with the new Test Specs.
- Encourage teacher participation in science staff development.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Teachers at your site will not have input into the science instructional materials adoption process prior to the vote.
- Curriculum implementation at your site may not be comprehensive and aligned to the new science standards.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Principals, Assistant Principals, Support Staff, Teachers, Area Directors, Area Superintendents

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- E-mail messages and District Memos

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