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# Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Initiatives

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# Next Section Starts Here

# Intent of Initiatives & Overview

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- Intentional focus on subgroups with unique abilities and educational needs
- Offers resources, tools, and additional frameworks to engage stakeholders in supporting this intentional focus
- Supports oversight and monitoring activities
- Promotes student-centered processes and planning
- Supports assurances related to implementation of federal and State requirements
- Offers a form of technical assistance that may not otherwise be available
- Allows for sharing of existing resources



# School Case Studies

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## Initial School Selection Based Upon:

- Length of time in operation
- School Type
- Percentage of students with disabilities served met or exceeded district average
- Population of students with disabilities reflected diverse educational needs



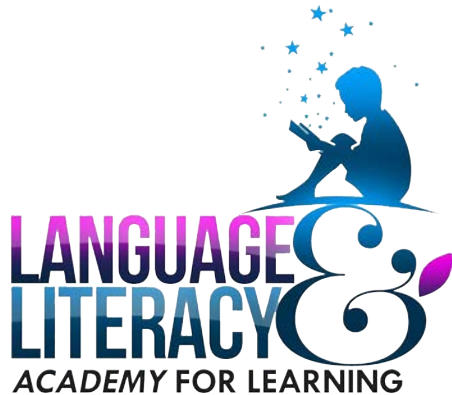
# Schools Selected




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School	Location	School's % SWD	District's % SWD	Grades Served
Language & Literacy Academy for Learning	Winter Haven, Polk County, FL	93%	15%	Prekindergarten-Grade 12
Seaside Charter School – Beaches	Jacksonville, Duval County, FL	21%	17%	Kindergarten – Grade 8
SouthTech Academy	Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, FL <b>SouthTech = LEA</b>	21%	17%	Grades 9-12

# Language & Literacy - Big 3

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-  All hands-on-deck at all times to meet the needs of all learners – **ALL means ALL**
-  Intensive Specially Designed Instruction and ESE Services
-  Expansive Community Partnerships





# Seaside Charter School - Big 3

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-  Waldorf Program Implementation:  
head, heart, and hands
-  Highly Collaborative ESE team
-  Well-established Social,  
Emotional, and/or Behavioral  
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# SouthTech Academy - Big 3

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Comprehensive Transition  
Planning and Programming



State-of-the-art Facilities Support  
Authenticity



Access to Real-World Preparation  
for Students with Disabilities



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# General Takeaways for Success

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- Implementation of charter program with fidelity – program alignment to rigorous curricular frameworks
- Intentional ongoing planning and collaboration around all students – administrative conveniences are not welcome
- High expectations for all students and all staff, inclusive practices
- Alignment of staff to strengths and interests, ongoing professional learning
- Dedication to students with unique abilities and educational needs
- Strong core combined with robust special education programming
- Capacity includes strong community partnerships





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# Questions?



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## Next Steps

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- Current case study dissemination
- Additional case studies
- ESE monitoring tool (input & collaboration on development)
- Roll out of policies & procedures will support next steps



# What's Ahead From FCI?



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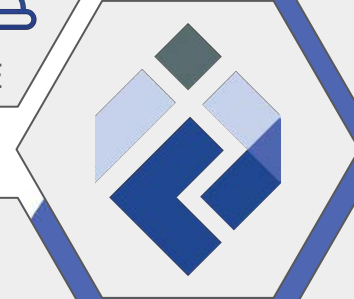
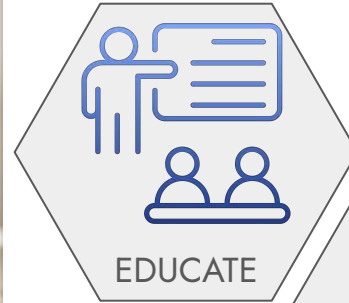
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# Leadership Offerings

- 3 day Professional Learning Workshop, in Miami AND Orlando
- **Monitor the Learning:** instructional coaching that supports teachers in student work analysis to transform learning
- New and improved videos, featuring top Florida charter leaders
- New Day 3 focused on developing an implementation plan
- HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED, thanks to generous state funding. \$400!

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# Teaching Offerings

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- 2 Professional Learning Workshops, spanning 3 days. Live in Miami AND Orlando
- **Building Strong Classroom Culture, High Ratio Instruction**
- Ideal Participants: Teams of 4-10/school, spanning range of roles (admin, culture-carrying teachers, dept. leads...)
- HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED, thanks to generous state funding. \$150/day (typically: \$500-1000/day)



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# FCInsight - Our Monthly Blog

- Monthly blog on leadership practice
- Includes linked research-backed, clinically-proven coaching resources
- Released in our Monthly and available at:

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## RECENT POSTS



### USING DATA IN BEGINNING OF YEAR OBSERVATIONS

We're excited to dive into our second installment on developing school leaders as instructional coaches. Last month, we focused on establishing coaching foundations; today, we'll center the conversation around observation and feedback practice – and specifically, what that can look like at the beginning of a school year. Read on

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### LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING

At FCI Educate, we are passionate about educator development. We believe that all members of a school community – students, teachers, and leaders – should feel they are on an intentional growth trajectory and have smart coaches and loud cheerleaders behind them every step of the way. Often, school leaders

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# New Options For Charter Applications

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- FCI provides support to the Charter School Review Commission.

## Upcoming application deadlines:

- November 26, 2024 - to be considered on February 26, 2025
  - February 25, 2024 - to be considered on May 28, 2025
  - May 27, 2025 - to be considered August 27, 2025
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- FCI is approved to be a Charter Sponsor in Miami Dade.  
Watch for more information coming soon!



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## FCI's Director of Finance

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**FEATURED ARTICLES**

**ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS: YOUR SEASONAL GUIDE FROM THE FCI LIBRARY**  
Linda Chambers October 10, 2024  
As school leaders, staying organized and prepared is key to a successful school year. To help you navigate the demands of the season, we've curated a list of must-have documents from the Florida Charter Institute (FCI) Library. Whether you're tackling governance, compliance, or everyday school operations, these resources are designed to support your leadership and keep your school on track....  
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**OBSERVING TO MONITOR THE LEARNING**  
Kathryn Perkins November 3, 2024  
In our last post on developing leaders as instructional coaches, we dove into the foundations of classroom observation, focusing on effective beginning-of-year practices. Once classroom foundations are set for the teachers we coach, it's time to shift our observation eye to ensuring student learning is happening. In today's post, we'll outline a framework for just that and offer a concrete example of...  
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**FCI TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: KATHRYN PERKINS**  
Linda Chambers November 7, 2024  
Introducing the FCI Team: Embracing Change and Leading with Purpose Change is a constant in education, and it is how we navigate it that defines our impact. At the Florida Charter Institute (FCI), merging with the Charter Support Unit (CSU) isn't just about combining organizations—it's about uniting our strengths, experiences, and visions to build something even greater. Three Questions for...  
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**GOVERNANCE RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT: UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARDS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Christina Morla November 1, 2024

**EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT: INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOLS: INSIGHTS FROM CASE STUDIES ON EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES**  
Linda Chambers November 7, 2024

**EMBRACING GRATITUDE AND CONNECTION: A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FOR SCHOOL LEADERS**  
Linda Chambers November 7, 2024  
Dear Florida Charter School Leaders, As we approach Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of how deeply gratitude and connection shape the fabric of our lives and our work. In



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