

Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning Matrix of Services for funding under the Florida School Readiness Program¹

TO BE COMPLETED BY ELC STAFF:		
Total Ratings:	Level:	
Cost Rate Approved:		
Percent Rate Increase:		
Approved By:	Date:	

School Readiness Special Needs Rate Request Form and Matrix

Please print this form. Complete, sign and return via the Coalition Document Exchange/Finance folder

Date Completed:	Documentation of diagnosis and accommodations that exceed ADA requirements must be provided to
SR Center/Provider Name:	the Early Learning Coalition to justify this rate. Quality checks performed by ELC staff may occur
Provider ID:	periodically to verify service delivery. Diagnosis must be validated by a licensed health, mental
Address:	health, education or social service professional other than the child's parent or person employed by the child care provider.
Phone Number:	
Email:	Examples include but are not limited to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Deaf or Hard of Hearing,
Child's Name:	Emotional of Behavioral Disability, Established
Date of Birth: Age:	Disability, Language impairment, occupational
Diagnosis:	Specific Learning Disability, Special Impairment,
Part-Time: □ Full-Time: □	Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment
	with the completed matrix on the following pages (must exceed
what ADA requires by law):	





Instructions

- 1. Check services or supports to be provided by SR provider to child in Domain A through E.
- 2. Choose the level (1-5) that best fits the accommodations needed and record level at bottom of each domain.
- 3. Check applicable special consideration, if any.

NOTE: Each indicator is assuming that services supplied are above and beyond ADA requirements. Each indicator would be fundamentally altering the learning environment or services typically provided to children.

Domain A – Curriculum and Learning Environment		
Level 1	 Requires no services or assistance beyond that which is normally available to all students 	
Level 2	☐ Electronic tools to use independently	
Requires minimal	☐ Materials to assist with accessibility	
accommodations or supports to	☐ Accommodations on assessment or accessible assessment materials	
the curriculum or the learning environment	☐ Consultation on a monthly basis with teachers, family, agencies, or other providers	
Level 3	☐ Electronic Tools and assistive technology used with assistance	
	☐ Alternative materials, assessments, assignments, or equipment	
Requires a differentiated	☐ Special assistance needed in learning environments, which requires weekly	
curriculum or extensive use of accommodations	consultation	
decommodations	☐ Direct, specialized instruction for some learning activities, which requires additional*	
	staff time	
	☐ Weekly collaboration with family, agencies, or other providers	
Level 4	☐ Extensive creation of special materials	
	☐ Direct, specialized instruction or curriculum for the majority of learning activities	
Requires specialized instruction, modified curriculum extensive	which requires additional staff time	
	☐ Assistance for the majority of learning activities, which requires additional staff time	
modification to the learning	☐ Assistive technology used with supervision for the majority of learning activities	
environment or assistive		
technology used with supervision		
Level 5	☐ Specialized instruction for literacy, which requires additional staff time such as	
	braille or sign language	
Requires modified curriculum	$\hfill \square$ Intensive curriculum or instructional approach for the majority of learning activities,	
and substantial modifications to the learning environment	which requires and additional staff member	
	Ongoing, continuous assistance for participation in learning activities, which requires an additional staff member	

^{*}Requiring additional staff time is defined as any additional time needed outside of the normal educational services to meet the child's services and supports.

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Domain B – Social or Emotional Behavior		
Level 1	 Requires no services or assistance beyond that which is normally available to all students 	
Level 2	 Consultation on a monthly basis with teachers, family, agencies, or other providers 	
Requires periodic assistance or behavior supports	☐ Specialized instruction or activities in self-advocacy and understanding of exceptionality	
	☐ Behavior management system implemented specifically addressing the child's needs	
	☐ Monthly counseling or guidance	
	☐ Monthly assessment of behavior or social skills	
Level 3	☐ Small-group instruction in social skills, self-regulatory behavior, self-advocacy, conflict resolution, dealing with authority, and socialization, which requires	
Requires weekly personal	additional staff time.	
assistance or behavioral	☐ Weekly family counseling, assessment, or interventions	
intervention	Referral and follow-up for transitions to and from community-based	
	programs, which requires additional staff time	
	☐ Weekly assessment of behavior as part of behavioral intervention plan	
	☐ Weekly collaboration with teachers, family, agencies, or other providers, which requires additional staff time	
Level 4	☐ Highly structured, individualized behavioral intervention plan infused throughout the educational day	
Requires daily personal assistance	☐ Daily coaching for support behavioral intervention plan	
	☐ Daily reports to family, agencies, or other providers specifically on growth and	
Level 5	progress Intensive, individualized behavior management plan that requires very small-	
Level 5	group or one-on-one ratios and intervention ongoing, daily.	
Requires continuous personal assistance, monitoring and intervention	group of one-on-one ratios and intervention ongoing, daily.	
intervention		

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Domain C – Independent Functioning		
Level 1	 Requires no services or assistance beyond that which is normally available to all students 	
Level 2	 Monthly personal assistance with materials or equipment, which requires additional staff time 	
Requires periodic personal assistance, monitoring, or minor intervention	☐ Consultation on a monthly basis with teachers, family, therapists, service coordinator or other providers	
	 Organizational strategies or supports for independent functioning, which requires additional staff time or additional funding 	
	☐ Special equipment, furniture, strategies or supports for motor control in the classroom	
Level 3	☐ Specially-designed organizational strategies or supports for independent functioning, which requires weekly planning	
Requires weekly personal assistance, monitoring, or intervention	 Weekly coaching in self-monitoring of independent living skills Weekly coaching or assistance with independent living skills, materials, or equipment 	
	 Weekly collaboration with teachers, family, agencies, or other providers, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 4	 Supervision to ensure physical safety during the majority of activities, which requires additional staff time 	
Requires daily personal assistance, monitoring, or intervention	 Individual assistance or supervision in activities of daily living, self-care and self-management for part of the day, which requires additional staff time 	
	 Special equipment or assistive technology for personal care with frequent assistance 	
Level 5	 Continuous supervision to ensure physical safety, which requires additional staff time 	
Requires continuous personal assistance,	 Individual assistance or supervision in activities of daily living, self-care, and self-management for the majority of the day 	
monitoring, or intervention	 Implementation of strategies guided by the occupational, physical, speech or other therapies, which require additional staff time and go beyond ADA compliance 	

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Domain D – Health Care		
Level 1	☐ Requires no services or assistance beyond that which is normally available to all students	
Level 2 Requires periodic personal assistance, monitoring, or minor intervention	 Monthly personal health care assistance Consultation on a monthly basis with student, teachers, family, agencies, or other providers Monthly monitoring of health status, procedures or medication Weekly specialized administration of medication, which requires additional staff time Monthly assistance with agency referrals or coordination, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 3 Requires weekly personal assistance, monitoring, or intervention	 Weekly monitoring or assessment of health status, procedures, or medication Weekly counseling with student or family for related health care needs Weekly communication with family, physician, agencies, or other health-related personnel, which requires additional staff time Daily specialized administration of medication, which requires additional staff time Weekly collaboration with family, physicians, agencies, or other providers, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 4 Requires daily personal assistance, monitoring, or intervention	 Daily assistance with or monitoring and assessment of health status, procedures or medication Daily assistance with or monitoring of equipment related to health care needs Specialized administration of medication multiple times a day, which requires additional staff time Daily communication with family, physician, agencies, or other health-related personnel, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 5 Requires continuous personal assistance, monitoring, or intervention	Continuous monitoring and assistance related to health care needs	

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Domain E – Communication		
Level 1	 Requires no services or assistance beyond that which is normally available to all students 	
Level 2 Requires periodic assistance or minor intervention	 Monthly assistance with communication, which requires additional staff time Occasional assistance with personal amplification or communication system which requires additional staff time Consultation on a monthly basis with teachers, family, agencies or other providers, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 3 Requires weekly intervention or assistance, which may include alternative and augmentative communication systems	 Weekly intervention or assistance with language or communication Weekly classroom implementation of strategies from speech or language therapy or instruction Weekly assistance with personal amplification or communication system, which requires additional staff time Weekly supervision of alternative or augmentative communication systems, which requires additional staff time Weekly collaboration with teachers, family, agencies or other providers, which requires additional staff time 	
Level 4 Requires daily intervention or assistance, which may include alternative and augmentative communication systems	 □ Daily assistance or instruction with communication equipment, which requires additional staff time □ Daily integrated intervention and assistance related to communication needs, which requires additional staff time □ Instruction in sign language for use as the primary method of communication □ Interpreting services for part of the educational day 	
Level 5 Requires multiple interventions and assistance, which may include alternative and augmentative communication systems	 Continuous assistance or instruction with communication equipment Interpreting services for the majority or all of the school day Multiple, continuous interventions to replace ineffective communication and establish appropriate communication 	

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