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MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education
Deans of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Field Experiences and Internships for Prospective Early Childhood Education Teachers

The Educator Preparation Chapter of the Alabama Administrative Code adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education on August 13, 2015, included the following statements about field experiences and internships:

- Page 259: "For early childhood and early childhood special education programs, field experiences shall include placements in at least two of the three main types of early childhood settings [early school grades (K-3), child care centers and homes, and Head Start programs]."

- Page 260: "For early childhood education and early childhood special education programs, the internship shall include a placement with at least two of the following age groups: birth-age 3; age 3-5, age 5-8."

- Page 261: "An intern placed in a pre-kindergarten setting may be supervised by a teacher who meets the criteria indicated above, or if a teacher who meets those criteria is not available in the EPP’s service area (Class B) or the school (Alternative Class A), the intern may be supervised by a lead teacher designated by the Alabama Office of Children's Affairs or the Alabama Head Start Agency and employed in a setting accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children."

In view of recent state-level changes, the reference to "Head Start programs" on page 260 should be Office of School Readiness programs. Similarly, the reference on page 261 to "the Alabama Office of Children's Affairs or the Alabama Head Start Agency" should be the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education. The Educator Preparation Chapter will be updated when substantial changes warrant doing so. Meanwhile, questions should be directed to Dr. Jayne A. Meyer, Director, Office of Teaching and Leading, via jmeyer@alsde.edu.

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