



## **New Access Course Descriptions for Math and Science**

In September 2007, the State Board of Education adopted new Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Access Points for K-12 mathematics. The Department of Education has developed twenty-six new mathematics and science **Access Courses** that incorporate the Access Points for **students with significant cognitive disabilities**. These courses have been included in the [2010-2011 Course Code Directory](#), and have been entered into the [Florida Standards Website](#).

These new Access Courses include important features such as Subject Relevance, Course Concepts/Content, and clarification about which students may be instructed using the Access Courses. The most important resources for K-12 mathematics and science teachers are the course descriptions. To view the course descriptions, use the following steps:

### **Locating the Access Courses**

From the Florida Standards Website, click on the "Course Description" menu link and then click either the "Browse" or "Keyword Search" tabs.

Locating Access Courses from the "Browse" tab:

1. Select "Exceptional Student Education" for the section
2. Select the grade group of your choice (e.g. Elementary)
3. Select the subject - Academic-Subject Areas
4. Select an Access Course drop-down list.  
(The new Access Courses have the word "access" in their title.)

Locating Access Courses via Keyword Search:

1. Type the word "access" as a keyword
2. Select "Exceptional Student Education" from the list of sections.

### **Related Instructional Resources**

To assist in the teaching and learning of the Access Points, Related Instructional Resources have been aligned to many of the benchmarks and Access Points within the Access Courses. To locate these resources, use one of the above search methods to identify a specific Access Course.

1. From the "Course Description Search Results," click on the link for the Access Course you would like to view

2. Scroll down to the list of Related Access Points
3. Click on the link for the Related Instructional Resources that have been aligned to that benchmark and/or Access Point.

Teachers may also submit a resource that they want to align to the Access Points by following these steps:

1. Login to [www.floridastandards.org](http://www.floridastandards.org) (registration required)
2. Click on Instructional Resources
3. Choose to Submit a New Resource
4. Follow the step-by-step guide to align existing resources with Access Points, create new resources specifically for Access Points, and provide information about these resources to help others find resources."