



FPP 11/06/2015: Chart of Accounts Discussion Item:

1. Question or Issue:

Elimination of job classification code 413 Speech-Language Paraprofessional

2. Any Prior FPP Action:

NONE

3. Discussion Points/Department Recommendation or Observations (if any)::

The only professionals qualified to provide speech and language services in Colorado public schools to students with disabilities are speech language pathologists (SLPs) and speech language pathology assistants (SLPAs). Both of these positions are defined in the Educator Licensing Act and have specific educational requirements before they receive a license or authorization, respectively from CDE. JCC 413 gives the impression a SLP Paraprofessional position exists who can work under the supervision of a SLP to provide services to students with disabilities without having any educational requirements, license or authorization from Colorado Department of Education. We are requesting to remove this code/classification in order to safeguard against Due Process complaints and to provide guidance to the AUs on who is qualified to provide IEP services in the area of speech and language for students with disabilities.

4. FPP Action, Decision Made:

5. Further Action/Research Needed/Table for Future Meeting:

6. Effective Date:

