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March 20, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs
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District School Superintendents
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FROM: Judith Bilsky, Ed.D., Executive Vice Chancellor, The Florida College System
Mary Jane Tappen, Deputy Chancellor for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services, Division of Public Schools

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1908: High School Reading for College Success – Placement and Exit Requirements

On November 14, 2008, we sent you information regarding the High School *Math for College Success* and *Mathematics for College Readiness* courses that were approved and included in the High School Course Code Directory (CCD) for use by any school district. We also sent you information on the *Writing for College Success* course in a memorandum dated March 6, 2009. These courses were added to the CCD in response to the passage of Senate Bill 1908 last legislative session. For details regarding the new provisions related to expanded postsecondary readiness assessment and remediation opportunities for high school students, you may want to consult section 1008.30(3), Florida Statutes (attached).

The Department has recently approved another .5 high school elective postsecondary readiness course titled *Reading for College Success* (course number 1608350, course description attached). This course is targeted for 12th graders whose placement scores are below the established cut score indicating that they are not "college-ready" in Reading. State Board Rule 6-A-10.0315 (attached) establishes the approved placement assessments and cut scores in the table below.



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Placement Assessment	Cut Score, Reading
Florida College Entry-Level Placement Test (CPT)	83
SAT	440
ACT	18

Successful completion of this course while in high school will exempt students from further CPT testing/postsecondary remediation in writing if they enroll in a community college within 2 years of completion. Successful completion requires a grade of “C” or better in the course **to include** a passing score on the Florida College Basic Skills Exit Test, as determined by the partnering postsecondary institution. This is the same exit examination administered to students enrolling in the postsecondary developmental education reading course at the college.

The Department has developed the Common Placement Testing and Remediation for High School Students web page (<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/CommonPlacementTesting.asp>) to assist with the implementation of the expanded postsecondary readiness testing and high school “readiness” opportunities. The page includes a link to the statute, technical assistance memos and high school remediation course descriptions, as well as other useful information to help district high schools and partnering colleges develop policies and procedures in accordance with the statutory provisions.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Mary Jane Tappen at mary.tappen@fldoe.org, or Dr. Judy Bilsky at judith.bilsky@fldoe.org.

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Attachments

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- Ms. Sandy Cho, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the Commissioner
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- Dr. Willis N. Holcombe, Chancellor, The Florida College System (FCS)
- Ms. Lucy Hadi, Chancellor, Division of Workforce Education
- Dr. Cornelia Orr, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Accountability, Research and Measurement
- Dr. Michael Jones, Bureau Chief, Postsecondary Assessment
- Ms. Julie Alexander, Director, Articulation and Educational Services, FCS
- Dr. Heather Sherry, Director, Office of Articulation
- Mr. Todd Clark, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Instruction and Innovation
- Ms. Loretta Costin, Vice Chancellor, Division of Workforce Education
- Ms. Holly Edenfield, Executive Director, K-12 Legislative and Public Affairs
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- High School Language Arts Liaisons