

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: High Priority Location Schools for the 2003-2004

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of the list of High Priority Location Schools, 2003-2004

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02(1), 1001.03(5), 1012.07 Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each year the State Board of Education is required by Rule 6A-20.0131 to identify high priority school locations for use in the implementing of the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

Supporting Documentation Included: A copy each of "Memorandum for Proposed High Priority Locations for the 2003-2004 School Year," "Florida Statue: 1012.07 Identification of Critical Teacher Shortage Areas," "Florida School Laws: 6A-20.0131(3)(4) Critical Teacher Shortages," "6A-20.012 Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program," "6A-20.013 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program," and the list of High Priority Location Schools, 2003-2004.

Facilitators/Presenters: Lavan Dukes and Ruth Jones

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



JIM HORNE
Commissioner of Education



February 27, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lynn Abbott
FROM: Lavan Dukes
SUBJECT: Proposed High Priority Location Schools for the 2003-2004
School Year

Each year the State Board of Education is required by Rule 6A-20.0131(3)(4) to adopt a list of high priority school locations for use in conjunction with the programs described in Rules 6A-20.012 and 6A-20.013, FAC. The list I am recommending for approval by the State Board of Education for the 2003-2004 school year is attached.

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Attachments

GARNET L. DUKES, JR.
Bureau Chief
Accountability, Research, and Measurement

Select Year: 2003

The 2003 Florida Statutes

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1012.07 Identification of critical teacher shortage areas.--

(1) As used in ss. [1009.57](#), [1009.58](#), and [1009.59](#), the term "critical teacher shortage area" applies to mathematics, science, career education, and high priority location areas. The State Board of Education may identify career education programs having critical teacher shortages. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. [120.536\(1\)](#) and [120.54](#) necessary to annually identify other critical teacher shortage areas and high priority location areas. The state board shall also consider teacher characteristics such as ethnic background, race, and sex in determining critical teacher shortage areas. School grade levels may also be designated critical teacher shortage areas. Individual district school boards may identify other critical teacher shortage areas. Such shortages must be certified to and approved by the State Board of Education. High priority location areas shall be in high-density, low-economic urban schools and low-density, low-economic rural schools and shall include schools which meet criteria which include, but are not limited to, the percentage of free lunches, the percentage of students under Chapter I of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981, and the faculty attrition rate.

(2) This section shall be implemented only to the extent as specifically funded and authorized by law.

History.--s. 693, ch. 2002-387.

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6A-20.013 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

(1) Eligibility criteria for initial awards. To receive aid, an initial applicant shall meet the provisions of Section 231.621, Florida Statutes, and shall:

(a) Have, as a minimum in the first year of application, a valid temporary Florida Educator's Certificate or license which indicates certification or licensure in the critical teacher shortage subject area in which employed for the academic year for which funds are requested;

(b) Have taught a full school year, as defined in Section 228.041(16), Florida Statutes, in a Florida publicly-funded school or developmental research school, in a designated critical teacher shortage subject area. If an otherwise eligible applicant completes eligible teaching service for at least ninety (90) days during a school year and does not complete one (1) full year of teaching service, the Department may provide up to one-half of a full award;

(c) Not owe a repayment of a state or federal student grant or scholarship unless satisfactory arrangements have been made; (d) Not be in default on a National Defense Loan, Perkins National Direct Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, Federally Insured Student Loan, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students, or any state loan program, unless satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan have been made;

(e) Not have received a Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship, Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship Loan, "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship Loan, Masters' Fellowship Loan Program for Teachers, or Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan under the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program; and

(f) Submit by July 15:

1. After the end of the academic year in which the applicant taught for the first time as a full-time certified teacher in a critical teacher shortage subject area for at least ninety (90) days, Form FFAA-2, Florida Financial Aid Application for Teacher Program, as incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-20.012, FAC.,

2. An academic transcript from each postsecondary educational institution which the applicant attended in order to complete an education program,

3. Form CEMP-1, Employment Certification, as incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-20.012, FAC., and

4. Form CLON-1, Loan Certification, which is hereby incorporated by reference in this rule to become effective October 2002.

A copy of Form FFAA-2, Form CEMP-1, and Form CLON-1 may be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines

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Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) Eligibility criteria for renewal awards. Eligibility for renewal shall be evaluated at the end of the renewal year of teaching. As a condition for renewal, a teacher shall meet the provisions of Section 231.621, Florida Statutes, and shall:

(a) Have, each academic year, a valid Florida Educator's Certificate or license which indicates certification or licensure in the subject area for which an initial award was made or in a current critical teacher shortage subject area for the academic year for which funds are being requested;

(b) Have taught a full school year in a Florida publicly-funded school, or developmental research school, in the subject area for which the original loan repayment was made or in a current critical teacher shortage area in which the applicant is certified. If an otherwise eligible renewal applicant completes eligible teaching service for at least ninety (90) days and does not complete a full year of teaching service, the Department may provide up to one-half of a full award;

(c) Not owe a repayment of a grant received under the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or any state grant or scholarship program;

(d) Not be in default on a National Defense Loan, Perkins National Direct Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, Federally Insured Student Loan, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students, or any state loan program, unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made;

(e) Not have received a Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship, Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship Loan, "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship Loan, Masters' Fellowship Loan Program for Teachers, or Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan under the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program; and

(f) Submit by July 15 of each academic year, Form CEMP-1, Employment Certification.

(3) Amount of award. The annual amount of student loan repayment shall be a maximum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for undergraduate loans and a maximum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for graduate loans for up to a combined total of five thousand (5,000) dollars annually. The amount of the award is based on the principal balance outstanding on the applicant's loan as of the June 30 prior to the beginning date of teaching as a certified teacher in a critical teacher shortage subject area.

(4) Maximum terms of eligibility. A teacher shall be eligible to receive student loan forgiveness for either a maximum of four (4) academic years or a total repayment of ten thousand (10,000) dollars whichever comes first.

(5) Award procedures. The Department shall determine eligibility and make awards. Awards may be prorated if funds are not available to make full awards. Renewal applicants will be given priority upon timely receipt of all required forms and documentation. The Department shall notify applicants of their award eligibility.

(6) Payment of awards. The Department shall provide for the delivery of funds to teachers by issuing warrants made payable to the teachers and the lending institutions for all loans held by lending institutions. The Department will forward the warrants to the teachers for submission to the lending institutions; however, a teacher who submits documentation from all lenders that all principal balances which were due as of the June 30 prior to the beginning date of teaching, pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(f)1., of this rule, have been paid by the teacher may have the warrant made payable directly to the teacher. If the loan was a National Direct Student Loan, National Defense Loan, or Perkins Loan, each lending institution must also indicate that the repayment was not a result of teaching service cancellation.

Specific Authority 229.053(1), 231.621(4) FS. Law Implemented 231.621 FS. History - New 5-24-84, Formerly 6A-7.612, Formerly 6A-7.0612, Amended 12-25-86, 3-22-89, 5-16-90, 2-

15-95, 10-15-2002.

6A-20.0131 Critical Teacher Shortages.

(1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall recommend to the State Board for approval the specific teaching areas and high priority locations in which critical teacher shortages are projected for the public schools during the year following the academic year in which approval is made.

(2) In accordance with procedures approved by the Commissioner, a list of critical teacher shortage areas shall be prepared based on consideration of current supply and demand information related to Florida public school instructional personnel including but not limited to:

(a) The number and percentage of vacant positions in each teaching discipline;

(b) The number and percentage of positions in each discipline filled by teachers not certified in the appropriate field;

(c) The projected annual supply of graduates of state approved Florida teacher education programs for each discipline; and

(d) Critical teacher shortage areas which may be identified pursuant to rules adopted by district school boards. Such areas shall be identified based on consideration of at least the information specified in Paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) of this rule and shall be submitted to the Department no later than June 1 of each year.

(3) Based on data submitted annually by each school district, the Commissioner shall rank all public schools in accordance with the criteria provided in Section 231.62, Florida Statutes, and shall select from this ranked list those schools to be identified as high priority locations.

(4) Based on the recommendations of the Commissioner, the State Board shall adopt a list of approved critical teacher shortage areas and high priority locations to be used in conjunction with the programs described in Rules 6A-20.012, and 6A-20.013, FAC.

Specific Authority 229.053(1), 231.62(1) FS. Law Implemented 231.62, 231.621, 240.4064 FS. History - New 5-24-84, Formerly 6A-7.16, Formerly 6A-7.016, Amended 10-18-94, 5-3-2001.

6A-20.019 Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans or Children of Servicemen Classified as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action Scholarships.

(1) Eligibility criteria for awards. To receive aid, a student shall meet the provisions of Sections 240.404, 240.4042, 295.01, 295.02, 295.03, 295.04, and 295.05, Florida Statutes, and Section 295.015, or 295.016, or 295.017, or 295.018, or 295.019, or 295.0195, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-20.001 and 6A-20.0371, FAC., and:

(a) Submit, for each academic year on or before April 1, Form FFAA-1, Florida Financial Aid for Students, as incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-20.020, FAC., and Form CDDV-1, Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans or Children of Servicemen Classified as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action Certification Form. Form CDDV-1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective October 2002. A copy of Forms FFAA-1 and CDDV-1 may be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.



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6A-20.012 Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program.

(1) To receive aid, teachers shall meet the provisions of Section 240.4064, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-20.001, FAC., and:

(a) Submit, Form FFAA-2, Florida Financial Aid Application for Teachers, Form CPSI-1, Postsecondary Institution Certification, and Form CEMP-1, Employment Certification Form by September 15. Forms FFAA-2, CPSI-1, and CEMP-1 are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule to become effective October 2002. A copy of Forms FFAA-2, CPSI-1, and CEMP-1 may be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) Have as a minimum a valid temporary Florida teacher's certificate or license.

(c) Intend to gain or renew certification, or to earn a graduate degree, in a designated critical teacher shortage area.

(d) Not receive reimbursement from other sources sufficient to pay the full cost of tuition and registration fees for a course(s) for which reimbursement is being sought.

(e) Not owe a repayment of a grant received under the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or any state scholarship or grant program.

(f) Not be in default on a National Defense Loan, Perkins National Direct Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan, Federally Insured Student Loan, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students, or any state loan program, unless satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan have been made.

(2) By October 15 of each year, the Department shall distribute to Florida publicly funded school district superintendents applications and a description of the program and application process utilizing the State Student Financial Aid Database.

(3) Publicly funded schools shall be responsible for providing teachers with information regarding the Tuition Reimbursement Program and the necessary forms.

(4) An applicant may receive aid for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours during a period beginning with the fall term and ending with the close of the summer term.

(5) The Department may prorate awards if funds are not available to make full awards.

(6) The Department shall notify applicants of their award eligibility and shall provide for the delivery of funds to eligible applicants on a funds available basis.

Specific Authority 240.4064(2) FS. Law Implemented 240.4064 FS. History - New 5-24-84, Formerly 6A-7.163, Formerly 6A-7.0163, Amended 12-25-86, 3-22-89, 3-6-94, 10-15-2002.

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