

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item  
May 17, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Alternative Standardized Reading Assessments

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## **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

## **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

n/a

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under the statewide public school student progression law eliminating social promotion, students who score at Level 1 on the grade 3 reading Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) may be promoted to grade 4 if the student demonstrates an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board.

The standardized assessment to be used is the grade 3 reading Norm Referenced Test (NRT) portion of the FCAT or another form of SAT-9 or SAT-10 assessments.

The acceptable levels of performance on the alternative assessments for grade 3 for the 2004-05 school year are as shown below. These scores will apply as long as the NRT portion of the FCAT continues to be the SAT-10.

- **FCAT NRT Scores:** To promote a student using the grade 3 reading NRT portion of the FCAT as the alternative assessment good cause exemption, the student scoring at Level 1 on the grade 3 reading SSS portion of the FCAT must score at or above the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile on the grade 3 reading NRT portion of the FCAT, the SAT-10.
- **Other NRT Scores:** To promote a student using another form of the SAT-9 or SAT-10 as the alternative assessment for good cause exemption, the student scoring at Level 1 on the grade 3 reading SSS portion of the FCAT must score at or above the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile on a parallel form of the SAT-10 OR at or above the 51<sup>st</sup> percentile on a parallel form of the SAT-9. For the purposes of good cause exemption, a district must administer only one assessment – either the SAT 10 or SAT 9 to each child.

It is strongly recommended that the alternative assessment be administered after the completion of a summer reading camp. The earliest the alternative assessment may be administered for student promotion purposes is following the receipt of the grade 3 student reading FCAT scores or during the last two weeks of school, which ever occurs first.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** N/A

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