

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item
May 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of the SAT/ACT Concordant Scores for the FCAT

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1008.301 Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2003 legislature directed the Department of Education to conduct concordance studies and identify acceptable concordance scores for the FCAT passing score.

In the Special Session "B," the 2003 legislature incorporated references to the SAT/ACT concordant scores in lieu of passing FCAT Scores as follows.

- Revised section 1008.22, Florida Statutes
- Added section 1008.301, Florida Statutes

The results of the concordant study were presented to the State Board of Education at its meeting on June 17, 2003, and the resulting scores are shown in the table below.

Year	READING			MATHEMATICS		
	FCAT	ACT	SAT	FCAT	ACT	SAT
2002-03	287	14	370	295	15	350
2003-04 ¹	300	15	410	300	15	370

¹The scores used in 2003-04 will not change until the SBE increases the passing score requirement on FCAT or until a revised concordance study can be completed for the revised SAT and ACT examinations.

The 2004 legislature revised section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, to expand the effective date to 2003-04. In 2005, language for revising section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, and repealing section 1008.301, Florida Statutes, was recommended, but the bill containing the changes did not pass and the effective date of the concordant scores in section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, was not extended.

Under section 1008.301, Florida Statutes, the State Board of Education is authorized to adopt scores meeting the graduation requirement in lieu of the FCAT score.

Supporting Documentation Included: Copy of section 1008.301, Florida Statutes (included below)

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Section 1008.301 Florida Statutes

The State Board of Education shall conduct a concordance study to determine if crosswalk scores can be determined to be equivalent to those required on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) for high school graduation. At a minimum, the state board shall analyze the PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, and the College Placement Test to determine if equivalent scores can be determined. In cases where such equivalencies can be determined, the state board is authorized to adopt those scores as meeting the graduation requirement in lieu of the FCAT passing score. Each time the score is changed, new equivalencies must be determined. This provision shall take effect for students who are eligible to graduate in the 2003-2004 academic year and thereafter. HIST: s.2, ch. 2003-80.