

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Items
June 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-2.0010, FAC., Educational Facilities

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), 1013.02(2), 1013.37, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-2.001, FAC., Educational Facilities, is recommended for amendment as follows:

Recommendations for approval:

- Revisions to requirements for public educational facilities for finance and construction document submittals.
- Revisions to requirements for public educational facilities to ensure consistency with class size reduction requirements pursuant to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution as amended November 2002 limiting the maximum number of students assigned to a teacher in core curricula classrooms to 18 in grades PK-3, 22 in grades 4-8, and 25 in grades 9-12.

Summary: State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) 1999 Volume I Process and 2005 Addendum to State Requirements for Educational Facilities:

- Section 2.1, Educational Facilities Finance, requires financial data for construction costs and other financial reports to be submitted to the Office of Educational Facilities.
- Section 4.3, Documents and Submittals, requires construction and inspection document submittals to the Office of Educational Facilities for projects of \$200,000 or more by school districts and community colleges.
- Section 6.1, Size of Space and Occupant Design Criteria Table A, changes the per student square footage allocation for determining educational facilities classroom sizes per occupant in core curricula classrooms and the size of some related spaces to implement the constitutional class size mandate.
- Current procedures: The design of public school spaces is determined by space standards adopted by rule and approved by the Department of Education for the

expenditure of certain state and local funds. The sizes of classroom spaces have historically been determined based on an amount of square footage per occupant.

- Affected agencies: Section 1013.03(1), Florida Statutes, instructs the Department of Education to establish recommended square footage standards for different functions and areas for educational facilities that are funded in whole or in part by the state.
 - Only school districts are affected by the recommended changes to square footage standards.
 - School districts and community colleges are affected by requiring the reporting of construction cost information.

- Reasons for rule change:
 - Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution as amended November 2002, established maximum class sizes for core-curricula classrooms in public schools.
 - Need for financial and construction cost information.

 - This rule amendment is consistent with the State Board's commitment to promoting appropriate use of resources to meet educational facilities needs..

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-2.0010 and 2005 Addendum to State Requirements for Educational Facilities.

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