

6A-10.030 – Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills

Purpose and Effect: Adoption of the rule revisions by both the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors will relieve the burden of “counting words” for institutions and ease student transfer across institutions while maintaining high standards for the completion of the general education requirements.

Summary:

The specific revisions to this rule include the following:

- ✓ Adds the Board of Governors as an entity that may adopt assessments.
- ✓ Moves definition of “successful completion” of coursework from (2)(b) up to the 1st paragraph so that it applies to both math and English courses.
- ✓ Adds the term “college” to include former community colleges who now offer baccalaureate degrees.
- ✓ Changes the number of semester hours in English from 12 to 6 semester hours of English and 6 semester hours of additional courses work in which the student must demonstrate writing skills. In addition, language was added to clarify that writing skills should be “college-level.”
- ✓ The word count (24,000 total) was eliminated and language was added to require that competencies be demonstrated through multiple assignments.
- ✓ New language was added to codify current practice - institutions designate the courses that fulfill the general education writing requirement and submit those designations to the Statewide Course Numbering System.
- ✓ Adds language that guarantees that the writing requirements met at one institution will be honored at the receiving institution. This is current practice for most institutions but the new language provides for a guarantee.
- ✓ Deletes language relating to GPA related exemptions and waivers because institutions have found that this provision is impossible to track and, therefore, is not currently being utilized by institutions.
- ✓ Changes current language relating to exemptions and waivers to update titles of divisions within DOE and includes the Board of Governors as an entity to which alternative plans must be submitted.