

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Action Items

February 21, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, FAC., Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Requirements.

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### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval.

### AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.22, F.S.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is a statewide test currently administered in grades 3-11 in the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science. At this time, FCAT Science results are reported using the scale score (100-500) because the achievement level "cut points" have not yet been adopted by the State Board of Education. A discussion of the proposed cut points and resulting achievement levels, as well as the implementation impact, may be found in the January 17, 2006, State Board of Education packet.

The purpose of this rule amendment is to specify the score ranges that define the five achievement levels for the science portion of the FCAT for grades 5, 8, and 11. The effect will be to permit student academic performance in science to be reported in achievement levels, providing a better understanding of individual student strengths or needs, as well as summaries of performance for use in educational accountability.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, FAC., Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Requirements.

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