

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Items
September 19, 2006

**SUBJECT: St. Petersburg College - Request Site Designation Approval for the
Midtown Special Purpose Center**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College for a Special Purpose Center designation in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Education's strategic imperative to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning is achieved with the approval of this request for the special purpose center. Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State support, the facilities must be designated a campus, center or special purpose center. Based on the documentation presented by the college, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. St. Petersburg College is requesting designation of a special purpose center to provide classes and training programs for an underserved population of economically and educationally disadvantaged citizens. The college has leased property and facilities from the city, in the Jordan Park Center for Achievement, as an instructional site since 2003. The strategically located facility is used to offer both college preparatory and college level courses including computer, dual-credit, general classes and College Reach Out Program (CROP) classes. The programs have now grown to the level that the site needs the additional State support provided by the designation. The enrollment at the site is now above 2,955 unduplicated headcount students. In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to an underserved population, this request for a Special Purpose Center is justified.

Request for a waiver for this item. Yes No

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061, F.A.C.

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