

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Items
December 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.03315, FAC., Private School Scholarship Compliance.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1002.39, 1002.42, 1002.421, Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-6.03315, FAC., Private School Scholarship Compliance, is amended to include the reporting requirements that private schools participating in Florida's K-12 state scholarship programs must submit as compliance documentation to the Florida Department of Education. This amendment will provide consistency to private schools, students, and families during the school year to prevent possible disruptions in private school eligibility, in scholarship payments, and in the provision of educational services to children.

Rule development workshops were held in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale on August 28, 29 and 31. Workshops were also held in Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale and Panama City on February 17, 20 and 23. At the workshops, DOE staff presented an overview of the scholarship rulemaking process and reviewed the proposed timelines. Rule text was available at the August workshop. The rule development workshops conducted in February were for the purpose of hearing ideas about scholarship rules and the current workshops focus on proposed language. In addition to providing comments at the workshops, staff encouraged participants to submit comments on the school choice website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.03315, FAC., Private School Scholarship Compliance.

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