

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issues for Concurrence
December 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Sunshine State Standards, K12 Reading and Language Arts

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

The adoption of the revised Reading and Language Arts Standards

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1001.03 Specific powers of the State Board of Education—(1) Public K12 Student Performance Standards—The State Board of Education shall approve the student performance standards known as the Sunshine State Standards in key academic areas and grade levels.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sunshine State Standards were first approved by the State Board of Education in 1996 as a means of identifying academic expectations for student achievement in Florida. These original standards were written in seven subject areas and were divided into four separate grade clusters (Pre-K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). This format was chosen to provide flexibility to school districts in designing curriculum based on local needs.

The Reading and Language Arts academic standards have been revised and updated to maintain rigor, relevance, and articulation among grade levels. The proposed rule will align with the strategic imperatives of the Department as it provides rigorous academic standards for students. Strategic Imperative 2 Set, Align and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards.

Supporting Documentation Included:

**Revised Reading and
Language Arts Standards
(under separate cover)**

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