

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

January 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Proposed New Rule 6A-6.0782, Florida Schools of Excellence Commission
Cosponsor Application.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1002.335, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed rule will create a charter school cosponsor application for the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission, which was established in 2006 following passage of Section 1002.335, Florida Statutes. The Commission's primary focus is the development and support of charter schools to better meet the growing and diverse needs of some of the increasing number and array of charter schools in the state and to ensure that charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

The rule will provide consistency to the application, eligibility and evaluation process of cosponsor applications submitted to the Commission. The application is the first step in creating Florida Schools of Excellence Commission cosponsoring relationships with municipalities, community colleges, state universities, and regional educational consortia that will expand the number of high quality charter schools available to students across Florida while providing for an oversight structure that honors each school's independence.

The application will provide important information necessary for the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission to determine if an applicant fulfills requirements to become a cosponsor of Florida's charter schools. As importantly, the application must cogently demonstrate the knowledge, capacity and skill required to effectively grant, monitor and evaluate charter schools that promote increased academic achievement for Florida's students. Once submitted, cosponsor applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission for compliance with the provisions of Florida Statutes and other requirements. Upon approval of a cosponsor application, the Commission will work with successful applicants to execute the contractual agreement as provided in Section 1002.335(7), Florida Statutes.

Supporting Documentation Included: 6A-6.0782, Florida Schools of Excellence Commission
Cosponsor Application.
Section 1002.335, Florida Statutes

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