

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Items

January 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed Rule 6A-1.09422, FAC, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Requirements.

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 standards-based test currently administered in grades 3-11 in the subject areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science. Section 1008.22 (3)(c)1., F.S., requires the statewide assessment program to report student proficiency levels of all students assessed in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. In addition, s. 1008.22 (3)(c)5., F.S., requires students to earn passing scores on the FCAT in reading, writing, and mathematics to qualify for a standard high school diploma, except as provided in Section 1003.428(8)(b), 1003.43 (11)(b), or 1008.22(9). A student enrolled in grade 9 for the first time in the 2006-07 school year must achieve a passing score on FCAT Writing+ in addition to the current requirements of achieving passing FCAT scores in reading and mathematics. The graduation passing score will be applied to eligible students beginning with the Spring 2008 administration. This cohort of students, the graduating class of 2010, must then achieve the established passing score in order to receive a standard diploma. To implement this new requirement and provide due notice to students, the approval of the FCAT Writing+ passing score and achievement levels by the State Board of Education is required during the 2006-2007 school year.

The proposed rule will establish the writing grade-level scale scores for each achievement level and the writing graduation passing score as part of the FCAT statewide assessment program. Materials presenting the proposed achievement levels and graduation standard, as well as impact data, were provided at the December 12, 2006, State Board of Education meeting.

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

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