

Rule 6A-1.09401 is amended to read:

6A-1.09401 Student Performance Standards.

(1) Standards to benchmark student achievement serve as guides to best practices for local curriculum designers to help schools implement school improvement strategies to raise student achievement. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the reading and language arts benchmarked standards for reading and language arts referenced below in paragraph (1)(a), describe what students should know and be able to do at grade level progression. The benchmarked standards in paragraphs (1)(b)-(g) of this rule describe what students should know and be able to do at four progression levels (grades Pre-k-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) in the subjects of the arts, health/physical education, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and social studies. Sunshine State Standards for Special Diploma as incorporated by reference in paragraph (1)(h) of this rule describe what certain students with a disability should be able to do at three (3) proficiency levels (independent, supported, and participatory). Public schools shall provide appropriate instruction to assist students in the achievement of these standards. These standards and benchmarks are contained in the following publications and are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule.

- (a) Sunshine State Standards – Reading and Language Arts, July 2007,
- (b) Sunshine State Standards – Mathematics, 1996,
- (c) Sunshine State Standards – Science, 1996,
- (d) Sunshine State Standards – Social Studies, 1996,
- (e) Sunshine State Standards – Foreign Languages, 1996,
- (f) Sunshine State Standards – The Arts, 1996, and
- (g) Sunshine State Standards – Health/Physical Education, 1996, and

(h) Sunshine State Standards for Special Diploma, 1999.

Copies of these publications may be obtained from the Division of Public Schools, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) Each district school board shall incorporate the Sunshine State Standards contained herein into the district Pupil Progression Plan.

(3) The Sunshine State Standards shall serve as the basis for statewide assessments. Specific Authority 1001.02 FS. Law Implemented 1001.03 FS. History—New 6-18-96, Amended 9-28-99, 3-1-07.