

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Items**  
August 14, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Additional Courses for Inclusion on the Dual Enrollment Course-High School Subject Area Equivalency List

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

1007.271(6), Florida Statutes.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 1007.271(6), Florida Statutes, requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint faculty committees to identify postsecondary courses that meet the high school graduation requirements of Section 1003.43, Florida Statutes, and to establish the number of postsecondary semester credit hours of instruction and equivalent high school credits earned through dual enrollment that are necessary to meet high school graduation requirements. The Commissioner shall then recommend to the State Board of Education those identified postsecondary courses by their Statewide Course Numbering System numbers, and all high schools shall accept those courses toward meeting the high school graduation requirements of Section 1003.43, Florida Statutes.

For 2007-2008, the Dual Enrollment Equivalency List was modified in two phases. The first phase added four Language Arts courses recommended by districts and community colleges and received approval from the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) in February 2007, and the State Board of Education in March 2007.

The second phase, approved by the ACC in May, 2007, modified the *Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List* to include additional courses in language arts, mathematics, and science. These new courses met one or more of the following conditions: partially fulfilling requirements for Common Prerequisites or the “Gordon Rule;” science courses with laboratories, or honors counterparts of existing list courses. Additional modifications include a change in title to more accurately reflect the purpose of the list, clarification of high school credit for science and laboratory courses, and designators for those that universally meet general education requirements.

This will greatly expand the number of dual enrollment courses under the guarantee of credit, and should discontinue the need for school districts and community colleges to annually request additions to the list.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** 2007-08 *Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List*

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