

State Board of Education 2008 Proposed Legislative Priorities

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2008 Proposed Legislative Priorities

- Ethics in Education
- World Class Education Standards
- Articulation and Acceleration
- Exceptional Student Education



Ethics in Education

Legislative Goal:

Utilizing the work of the Professional Practices Advisory Council, this proposal will strengthen Florida's ability to maintain the integrity of its educators by enhancing the law relating to the ethical actions and duties of educators.



Ethics in Education

- Prohibit confidentiality agreements
- Strengthen reporting requirements
- Establish grounds for automatic action
- Increase training
- Require district reference checks
- Increase EPC membership



Ethics in Education

Direct support of strategic imperative:

#1- Increase the Supply of Highly Effective Teachers



World Class Education Standards

Legislative Goal:

Establishes the World Class Education Standards for Florida's students which will be comparable to standards in leading education systems in the world and that reflect the content standards students need to succeed in the 21st Century. This proposal provides for a regular review and revision of the state education standards by systematically and sequentially replacing the current standards.



World Class Education Standards

- Define World Class Education Standards
- Define minimum criteria standards must meet to be World Class
- Specify stakeholder involvement in development
- Reporting requirements



World Class Education Standards

Direct support of Strategic Imperatives:

#2- Set Align and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards

#3- Improve Students Rates of Learning

#4- Improve the Quality of Instructional Leadership

#8- Coordinate Efforts to Improve Higher Student Learning



Articulation & Acceleration

Legislative Goal:

The seamless and efficient movement of students from secondary to postsecondary education, as well as, between and among postsecondary institutions, is critical to the future of Florida. This legislation strengthens these transitions by statutorily codifying the existing Articulation Coordinating Committee and strengthening the acceleration provisions for high school students who pursue postsecondary certificates and degrees through dual enrollment.



Articulation & Acceleration

- Clearly establish different pathways to earn postsecondary credit
- Permanently establish the Articulation Coordinating Committee
- Establish equal quality point weighting for higher education admissions



Articulation & Acceleration

- Permanently provide equal funding for dual enrollment and other accelerated programs
- Clarify early admissions college credit hours



Articulation & Acceleration

Direct support of Strategic Imperatives:

#2- Set, Align and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards

#3- Improve Student Rates of Learning

#5- Increase the Quantity and Improve the Quality of Education Options

#6- Align Workforce Education Programs with Skill Requirements of the New Economy

8- Coordinate Efforts to Improve High Student Learning



Exceptional Student Education

Legislative Goal:

This proposal seeks to amend state law to update terminology in relation to exceptional student education. The proposed terms are less stigmatizing, and will align with current practice. The proposal will also ensure that the state has the authority to implement the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



Exceptional Student Education

- Clarify authority for implementing monitoring and accountability requirements of IDEA
- Updates terminology to ensure consistency with terminology used in the field of special education



Exceptional Student Education

Direct Support of Strategic Imperative:

#2- Set, Align and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards

#5- Improve the Quantity and Improve the Quality of Education Options



Additional Legislative Issues

- School Safety
- Instructional Materials
- Task Force and Committee Recommendations
- Legislative Interim Projects
- OPPAGA Reports



Next Steps

- Approval of the Proposed Legislative Agenda
- Find bill sponsors and work with members
- Provide updates to Board Members
- Interim Committee Meetings
- Session begins March 4, 2008



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