

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Proposed Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1001.02, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida began the revision process of the Science Sunshine State Standards in May 2007. International, national, and state-level experts in standards writing, science content, and science instruction have participated in the process of defining new world class Science Sunshine State Standards for Florida. Major differences include: fewer benchmarks per grade level K-8, moving from an average of 67 to 31; and Bodies of Knowledge at the secondary level that include Earth and Space Science, Physical Science, Life Science, and Nature of Science. This rule amendment will finalize this process, and the process of turning these new world class standards into quality world class instruction will begin.

Public and expert input in the development of these standards included:

- International, national, and state-level experts in science content, science instruction, and science curriculum;
- Scientists and science educators;
- District and school-level administrators;
- Parents, teachers, business partners, and other interested stakeholders;
- Over 10,000 web-based raters resulting in 262,524 ratings and 20,993 comments;
- Achieve.org, The America Diploma Project;
- The American Association for the Advancement of Science; and
- Leading international and national science standards.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.09401, Student Performance Standards and Sunshine State Standards, Science, 2008 (under separate cover)

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