

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0243, Specialization Requirements for Certification in Foreign Language (Grades K-12) – Academic Class

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment adds four languages for certification: Arabic, Farsi, Hindi, and Haitian Creole. Currently, there are no Florida developed subject area exams for those languages or for several other languages of low incidence for which certification is offered such as Chinese, Italian, Hebrew, Russian, etc. The amendment provides for the acceptance on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) oral proficiency interview and written proficiency test above the intermediate level as an additional option for satisfying the foreign language specialization requirements for foreign language certification in languages for which there are no Florida developed subject area exams.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0243, Specialization Requirements for Certification in Foreign Language (Grades K-12) – Academic Class

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