

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

August 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed New Rule 6A-1.09942, State Uniform Transfer of Students in the Middle Grades

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1003.4156(3), 1003.25(3), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This proposed new rule implements the requirements of Section 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, relating to the transfer of middle school students. Consistent with statute, the rule requires that student must successfully complete the academic courses listed below in order to be promoted from a school composed of middle grades 6, 7, and 8.

1. Three middle school or higher courses in English. These courses shall emphasize literature, composition, and technical text.
2. Three middle school or higher courses in mathematics. Each middle school must offer at least one high school level mathematics course for which students may earn high school credit.
3. Three middle school or higher courses in social studies, one semester of which must include the study of state and federal government and civics education.
4. Three middle school or higher courses in science.
5. One course in career and education planning to be completed in 7th or 8th grade.

The adoption of this rule along with the existing rule, 6A-1.09941, State Uniform Transfer of High School Credits, fulfills the State Board's responsibility to prescribe procedures relating to the acceptance of transfer work and courses for students.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed New Rule, 6A-1.09942, State Uniform Transfer of Students in the Middle Grades, Section 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.09941, State Uniform Transfer of High School Credits.

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