

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

August 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099823, Performance Standards for Children Participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.79(1), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 15, 2005, the 2005 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards were approved by the State Board of Education. At that meeting, the Department of Education committed to reviewing/revising these standards on a three-year cycle.

The Department established a Panel of Experts, who met on December 17-18, 2007, with state early childhood and early learning coalition representatives to review/revise the 2005 VPK Standards with an emphasis on the area of mathematics. Seven rule development workshops were conducted from February 20 to March 20, 2008, and the 2008 VPK Standards were revised based on the comments received.

The primary revisions to the VPK Education Standards include the:

- separation of the *Cognitive Development and General Knowledge* domain into two: *Mathematical and Scientific Thinking* and *Social Studies and The Arts*,
- addition of glossaries for each domain and at the end of the document,
- alignment to the K-12 World Class Mathematics standards adopted by the State Board of Education in 2007, and
- addition of benchmarks, as in the Emergent Literacy and Vocabulary and Language domains, for mathematics.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099823, FAC, and Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards, 2008 (available upon request)

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