

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
October 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approval of New Rule 6A-6.0651, Alternative Credit Pilot Program

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.372(7), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Recently enacted Senate Bill 1906 (Section 1002.375, Florida Statutes) authorizes a pilot program so that students in career education courses that meet a certain level of core course benchmarks (at least 50% as determined by the Department) can earn a credit in the career course and a credit in the core course by passing an end-of-course assessment in the core course.

The law allowed up to three districts to be selected. Two applied and one met the criteria to participate in the pilot (Manatee County). They are piloting with Engineering Technology I and Algebra I. The Florida Virtual School is providing the end-of-course assessment in Algebra I, as stated in the law.

This rule addresses the term of the pilot, eligible core courses, how end-of-course assessment passing scores will be determined, when the assessments may be administered, remediation if students do not pass the assessment, how the core course credit will be reported on student transcripts, and what the Florida Virtual School will provide the Department and pilot district regarding student assessment results.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed New Rule 6A-6.0651, Alternative Credit Pilot Program, and Section 1002.375, Florida Statutes

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