

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
December 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recently enacted Senate Bill 1908 requires that each standard high school diploma include designations, as applicable, for the following accomplishments beginning in 2009.

- Major Area of Interest
- Completion of four or more accelerated college credit courses in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), or dual enrollment. Students must pass the respective exam for AP, IB, and AICE and earn a grade of C or better in dual enrollment courses.
- Career education certification
- Florida Ready to Work Credential

This rule allows districts to determine what the designations look like for their diplomas, given that diploma sizes and district-determined seals vary widely throughout the state. These new state designations must be placed above any district-determined seals for outstanding scholastic achievement or differentiated diplomas.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion

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