

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-By-Examination Equivalencies

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, requires the Department of Education to establish passing scores and course and credit equivalencies for Advanced Placement (AP), Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024(2)(n), further directs the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to maintain and review annually a list of examinations, minimum scores for guaranteed transfer credit, maximum credits guaranteed to transfer, and recommended course equivalencies.

The DANTES/DSST and Excelsior exam equivalencies on the list are also authorized by State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024(7)(g), but are not part of the statutory requirement. The ACC included these exam equivalencies on the list to provide guidance to postsecondary institutions. The award of credit for these examinations is not required, however, once an institution awards credit, it must be accepted in transfer.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Currently, both the AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition examinations award ENC 1101 for an exam score of 3—this determined by faculty reviewers. This has caused confusion and loss of credit for those students who have taken both exams. The underlined text is a proposal to ensure students are awarded credit for both of these exams.

Exam	AP Exam Score of 3	AP Exam Score of 4	AP Exam Score of 5	Comments
English Language and Composition	ENC X101 (min. 3 credits)	ENC X101 and ENC X102 (min. 6 credits)	Same as 4	<u>Award min. 3 credits if ENC X101 already satisfied.</u>
English Literature and Composition	ENC X101 <u>or</u> <u>course in AML,</u> <u>ENL, or LIT</u> (min. 3 credits)	ENC X101 and either ENC X102 or LIT X005 (min. 6 credits)	Same as 4	LIT X005 is unique to this exam. Literature content varies widely. <u>Award min. 3 credits if ENC X101 already satisfied.</u>

DSST PROGRAM

In 2008 the DSST Program (formerly known as DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) launched updated versions of 10 examinations. These exams have a new score scale ranging from 200-500, with a passing score set at 400 for all exams.

Faculty discipline committees in the examination subject areas were provided materials related to these 10 new examinations to re-examine content changes and existing course equivalencies; which were submitted to the Articulation Coordinating Committee for approval on May 27, 2009.

Revised Examination	Pre-2008 Cut-Score	2008 Cut-Score
Criminal Justice	49	400
Ethics in America	46	400
Fundamentals of College Algebra	47	400
Here's to your Health	48	400
Introduction to Computing	45	400
Introduction to World Religions	48	400
Management Information Systems	46	400
Personal Finance	46	400
Principles of Statistics	48	400
Substance Abuse (formerly Drug & Alcohol Abuse)	49	400

Supporting Documentation Included: Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-By-Examination Equivalencies

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