

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Consideration of FCAT, SAT and ACT Score Concordance Study Results

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Accept the report establishing SAT and ACT concordant scores with FCAT.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

HB 0915, 2003 Florida Legislature

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2003 Legislature enacted HB 0915 requiring the State Board of Education to conduct a concordance study to determine if crosswalk scores can be determined to be equivalent to those required on the FCAT. In cases where equivalencies can be determined, the State Board is authorized to adopt those scores as meeting the graduation requirement in lieu of the FCAT passing score, effective for students who are eligible to graduate in the 2003-2004 school year.

The Department has conducted a concordance study to determine the score relationship between FCAT and two national examinations taken by many Florida students--the SAT and ACT. The report identifies the concordant scores for SAT and ACT for an FCAT score of 300 (current passing score required for receiving a standard diploma). Tables are available that show the concordance for a full range of the scores.

Supporting Documentation Included: Report - Concordance Studies Between the FCAT and Other Standardized Tests

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