

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: SAT, ACT and AP Trends--Florida and the Nation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Strategic Imperative 3: Increasing rates of learning and completion at all levels, especially in high school, and raising the proportion of K-12 graduates, particularly low-income and minority students, who enter postsecondary education without remediation.

Results from college entrance exams and Advanced Placement (AP) tests show that Florida is making progress toward Strategic Imperative 3 and other state initiatives to raise student achievement. More students are being prepared to succeed in postsecondary education as shown by the 2003 scores for SAT, ACT, and AP test takers. Increasing numbers of Florida students are taking college entrance exams as compared to the nation, with dramatic increases in the number of minority test takers. Despite increases in the number of test takers, Florida students are maintaining or improving their scores in most areas.

Supporting Documentation Included: SAT Trends - Florida and the Nation, *August 2003*; ACT Trends - Florida and the Nation, *August 2003*; Information on Advanced Placement Program - Florida and U.S. Public Schools 1987-2003, *August 2003*

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