

SUMMARY
TENTATIVE AGENDA - SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

6A-1.001 -- District Financial Records.

This rule is amended to adopt the 2001, Financial and Program Cost Accounting for Florida Schools publication which is incorporated by reference in the rule.

6A-1.09412 -- Course Requirements – Grades 6-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs.

This rule is amended to adopt the 2001-2002 course requirements for grades 6-12/adult, basic education. This publication is adopted annually.

6A-1.09441 -- Requirements for Programs and Courses Which are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and For Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation.

This rule is amended to adopt the updated listing of all courses offered in the public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical, and adult schools of Florida, including related teacher certification coverages. This listing contained in the Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments document is updated annually.

6A-4.001 -- Instructional Personnel Certification.

This rule is amended to reflect a change from “teacher” to “educator” to include school administrators, guidance counselors, media specialists, as well as teachers. The Bureau of Educator Certification establishes eligibility for and issues certificates for all the instructional professionals.

6A-4.002 -- General Provisions.

This rule is amended to align the provisions with Section 231.17, F.S. The substantive amendments include issuance of a full-time athletic coaching certificate, acceptance of college/university credits and degrees from accredited or approved institutions, acceptance of certificates issued by other states to establish eligibility for Florida certification, issuance of a three-year Temporary Certificate for exchange teachers, and providing for flexibility in acceptance of teaching experience for certification purposes.

6A-4.003 -- Degrees, Programs and Credits.

Changes are made to align to the amendments made in Section 231.17, F.S., in acceptance of credits and degrees from accredited or approved quality institutions and newly established Florida public colleges and universities.

6A-4.004 -- Florida Educator Certificates with Academic, Administrative, and Specialty Class Coverages.

This rule is amended to comply with Section 231.17, F.S. This includes provisions for issuing a three-year Temporary Certificate, providing for reciprocity of certificates issued by other states, aligning to a new provision in law for acceptance of a passing score on the Board-approved subject area test for initial subject area certification, and to continuing the special Temporary and nonrenewable Professional Certificates for teachers with bachelor’s degrees in Speech-Language Impaired.

6A-4.0051 – Renewal of a Professional Certificate.

This rule is amended to align with Section 231.24, F.S., to provide for use of a valid National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificate for renewal of a Florida certificate, to delete obsolete language relating to an inactive certificate status, to add a provision for reinstatement of an expired Professional Certificate, and to establish special provisions for acceptance of mandatory English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) inservice credit for renewal of a certificate.

6A-4.006 – General and Professional Preparation.

Changes are made to incorporate all general and professional preparation requirements for all certification areas, including degreed vocational certification areas, into one rule, thus supporting the repeal of Rule 6A-4.052, FAC.

6A-4.050 – Florida Educator’s Certificates with Degreed Vocational Class Coverages.

For repeal. Applicable requirements are incorporated in 6A-4.004, FAC.

6A-4.052 – General and Professional Preparation for a Professional Certificate with Degreed Vocational Class Coverages.

For repeal. Applicable requirements are incorporated in 6A-4.006, FAC.

6A-4.066 – Florida Educator’s Certificates with Nondegreed Vocational Class Coverages.

6A-4.068 – Professional Preparation for a Professional Certificate with Nondegreed Vocational Class Coverages.

6A-4.072 – Specialization Requirements for Certification in Occupational Specialist – Vocational Class Beginning July 1, 1988.

For repeal. The Florida Department of Education no longer issues non-degree vocational certificates. Section 231.1725, F.S., establishes the requirements for district employment of non-degreed vocational teachers.

6A-10.024 – Articulation Between Universities, Community Colleges, and School Districts.

This amendment deletes out-of-date lists of college credit examinations and establishes a process for recommending and annually updating course and credit equivalents for college credit examinations. In addition, the range of eligible institutions and the procedure for reviewing courses to comply with Section 240.115(1)(b), F.S., and the status of the associate in science degree has been clarified to allow for continued ease of articulation while not endangering institutions’ accreditation.