

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
January 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.620, Health and Safety Checklists and Inspections

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs: the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. OEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

This rule was substantially revised earlier this year to reflect changes in federal and state law that require inspections, monitoring and training for all providers who take part in the School Readiness program. After receiving feedback supplied by providers, personnel and stakeholders participating in the program, OEL has revised the rule again to clarify established health and safety standards and training requirements for the School Readiness Program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.620, F.A.C. Forms OEL-SR-6201 Health and Safety Checklist for Licensed, License-exempt and School Age Center-based Programs (February 2017); OEL-SR-6202 Health and Safety Handbook for Licensed, License-exempt and School Age Center-based Programs (February 2017); OEL-SR-6203 Health and Safety Checklist for Public and Non-public School Programs (February 2017); OEL-SR-6204 Health and Safety Handbook for Public and Non-public School Programs (February 2017); OEL-SR-6205 Health and Safety Checklist for Family Child Care Homes and Informal Providers (February 2017); OEL-SR-6206 Health and Safety Handbook for Family Child Care Homes and Informal Providers (February 2017); and Rule 65C-22.003 (under separate cover)

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