

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
February 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1003.432, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule revision is to establish requirements for each school district to affix a Florida Seal of Biliteracy insignia to a standard diploma for a student who is awarded a Gold Seal of Biliteracy or a Silver Seal of Biliteracy per Rule 6A-1.09951, F.A.C., Requirements for the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.0995, F.A.C.

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6A-1.0995 Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion.

Pursuant to Sections 1003.4282 and 1003.438, F.S., the form of the Standard Diploma, the Special Diploma, State of Florida High School Performance-Based Diploma, the Certificate of Completion and the Special Certificate of Completion shall contain the wording and be in the form prescribed herein.

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school district must affix the Florida Seal of Biliteracy to a student's standard diploma when a student is awarded the Gold Seal of Biliteracy, the Silver Seal of Biliteracy or both, pursuant to Section 1003.432, F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09951, F.A.C.

(a) The Commissioner of Education shall electronically provide a digital format of the Florida Seal of Biliteracy Program seal to each school district and be in the form prescribed as follows:

1. Gold Seal of Biliteracy



2. Silver Seal of Biliteracy



(b) The insignia may be printed digitally on a student's standard diploma using gold ink for the Gold Seal of Biliteracy and silver ink for the Silver Seal of Biliteracy.

(c) The insignia may be affixed as a seal using a Gold Seal of Biliteracy or Silver Seal of Biliteracy.

(d) A school district may not charge a fee for the Gold Seal of Biliteracy or the Silver Seal of Biliteracy.

(10) ~~(9)~~ Each district school board shall produce or have produced the Diplomas and Certificates of Completion in the quantity and as needed to be awarded to the students in the public schools of that district. Any person producing copies shall, pursuant to Section 15.03(3), F.S., and Rule 1-2.0021, F.A.C., secure approval from the Department of State to print the State Seal on such copies.

(11) ~~(10)~~ The Commissioner is authorized, upon written request from any district school board, to approve modification in the form or format of the diplomas or certificates prescribed herein; however, such modification shall not substantively alter the content or the wording of the diplomas or certificates.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02 1003.4282, 1003.432, 1003.435, ~~1003.438~~, 1003.53 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, 1003.4282, 1003.4285, 1003.432, 1003.435, ~~1003.438~~, 1003.53 FS. History—New 11-14-78, Amended 6-9-81, Formerly 6A-1.995, Amended 4-3-90, 1-5-09, 7-19-10, 3-25-14, 12-23-14.