

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.045111, Hourly Equivalent to 180-Day School Year

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), 1011.60(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This amendment deletes the instructional hours requirement for double-session schools and adds a provision to establish full-time equivalent (FTE) student membership reporting in schools that operate for less than the minimum term.

Chapter 2016-237, Laws of Florida, replaces the provision for a double-session school with a provision for the department to determine and implement an equitable method of equivalent funding for schools operating under emergency conditions, which schools have been approved by the department to operate for less than the minimum term as provided in section 1011.60(2), F.S. Chapter 2016-237, Laws of Florida, also includes an addition to section 1011.61(1)(b), F.S., that addresses FTE student membership reporting for students who receive instruction in schools that operate for less than the minimum term.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.045111, F.A.C.

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6A-1.045111 Hourly Equivalent to 180-Day School Year.

Each school district ~~that~~ ~~which~~ participates in the state appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program shall:

(1) Operate all schools for a term of one hundred eighty (180) actual teaching days as prescribed by ~~s~~Section 1011.60(2), F.S., or the hourly equivalent of one hundred eighty (180) actual teaching days, determined as prescribed below:

(a) Kindergarten through grade 3 or in an authorized prekindergarten exceptional program: No fewer ~~Not less~~ than seven hundred twenty (720) net instructional hours.

(b) Grades 4 through 12: No fewer ~~Not less~~ than nine hundred (900) net instructional hours.

(2) For students who receive instruction in a school that operates for less than the minimum term, report full-time equivalent student membership proportional to the number of instructional hours provided by the school divided by the minimum term requirement as provided in section 1011.60(2), F.S. ~~For schools operating on a double session calendar or utilizing an experimental calendar approved by the Department of Education, operate such schools for a term of one hundred eighty (180) actual teaching days as prescribed by Section 1011.60(2), F.S., or the hourly equivalent of one hundred eighty (180) actual teaching days, determined as prescribed below:~~

~~(a) Kindergarten through grade 3: Not less than six hundred thirty (630) net instructional hours.~~

~~(b) Grades 4 through 12: Not less than eight hundred ten (810) net instructional hours.~~

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1001.42(12)(a), 1001.51(11)(a), 1003.02(1)(g), 1011.60(2), 1011.61(1)(e)2. FS. Law Implemented 1001.42(12)(a), 1001.51(11)(a), 1003.02(1)(g), 1011.60(2), 1011.61(1)(a)1., 1011.61(1)(e)2. FS. History—New 5-3-10, Amended