

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09412, Course Requirements – Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02, 1001.03(1), 1011.62(1)(t), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In January 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32 directing the Commissioner of Education to comprehensively review Florida's kindergarten through grade twelve academic standards to eliminate Common Core and return Florida to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. Resulting from the Executive Order 19-32 standards review were the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for English Language Arts and for Mathematics. On February 12, 2020, the B.E.S.T. Standards were adopted by the State Board of Education. With the adoption of the B.E.S.T Standards, course descriptions need to be revised in order to remove the former standards and add the newly adopted B.E.S.T standards.

The proposed rule amendment will adopt new English Language Arts and Mathematics course descriptions that include the B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

In total, there are 56 courses proposed for adoption through this amendment.

- 47 English Language Arts courses: grades K-2 and elective courses effective for the 2021-22 school year and grades 3-12 courses effective for the 2022-23 school year.
- 9 Mathematics courses: grades K-8 effective for the 2022-23 school year.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.09412, F.A.C. List of English Language Arts and Mathematics courses to be adopted. Course descriptions for English Language Arts and Mathematics courses to be adopted (under separate cover)

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