

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 20, 2021

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), and 1011.62(1)(t), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Board of Education adopted revised Civics and Government standards and new Holocaust Education standards at the July 14, 2021 meeting. The revised Civics and Government standards resulted from the House Bill (HB) 807 (2019) civics standards review and the development of new Holocaust Education standards was required by HB 1213 (2020). Course descriptions need to be updated in order to remove the former standards and add the newly adopted Civics and Government and Holocaust Education standards. These updated course descriptions will be effective for the 2023-2024 school year.*

In total, there are 158 updated courses proposed for adoption through this amendment.

- Computer Education – 1 total
- English Language Arts – 9 total
- Experiential Education – 8 total
- JROTC and Military Training – 22 total
- Leadership Skills Development – 5 total
- Library Media – 6 total
- Peer Counseling – 2 total
- Science – 4 total
- Social Studies – 101 total

*House Bill 5 (2021) requires that a comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States be added to high school United States Government courses beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. This requirement was added to six of the courses and will be effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

This amendment restructures the rule so that future amendments can incorporate adopted courses by subject area. Currently, all subject areas are incorporated each time the rule is amended.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.09412, F.A.C. Course Requirements – Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs (under separate cover)

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