

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
October 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-5.066, Approval of Teacher preparation Programs

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02, 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56, and 1012.585(3)(f), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the rule changes are to update provisions in the rule due to statutory changes and to provide additional clarity and alignment for state-approved teacher preparation programs. Proposed changes include adding definitions that will provide clarity for preparation programs that align to the initial and continued approval process; removal of the ten percent waiver for initial teacher preparation programs (ITP); adding the reading endorsement for candidates entering a teacher preparation program in the 2022-2023 academic year in certain coverage areas; changing the Uniform Core Curriculum by adding strategies appropriate for the early identification of students in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge and strategies to support the use of technology in education and distance learning; and striking weak and adding needs improvement to the continued approval rubric to align the continued approval rating terms with other commonly used systems for clarity purposes.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed rule 6A-5.066, F.A.C. Forms: Initial Approval Standards (IAS-2021); Continued Approval (CA-2021); and Florida Site Visit Framework (FSVF-2021) (under separate cover)

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