

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
February 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval of New Rule 6A-4.0164, Specialization Requirements for Civics Seal of Excellence (Endorsement)

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02, 1012.55, 1012.56, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) currently offers endorsements in ten (10) subject areas including gifted, ESOL, and reading. Educators complete either college coursework or a FDOE approved training program to become eligible for the endorsements, which must be added to a valid certificate with at least one full subject coverage. At this time, a separate civics endorsement is not one of the ten (10) subject areas.

Proposed Rule 6A-4.0164, F.A.C., is recommended for adoption to create an endorsement specifically in the area of civics education and it will outline the available FDOE approved training pathway for educators to meet the subject requirements to add the endorsement to their valid educator certificates.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-4.0164, F.A.C.

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