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**Approval of Amendment to
Rules 6A-4.002, F.A.C., General Provisions, and
6A-4.003, F.A.C., Degrees, Programs, and Credits**

**State Board of Education
July 19, 2023**

Purpose

- Continues to support schools and districts in recruiting and retaining educators for the classroom.
- Provides additional options to satisfy mastery of general knowledge, professional preparation and subject area knowledge.
- Identifies certain master's degrees to satisfy subject area knowledge.

Educator Certification Rule Amendments

- Rule 6A-4.002, F.A.C., will allow educators to waive the General Knowledge test if they have taken and failed the test and received at least three years of support, and received effective or highly effective summative evaluations for each of the three most recent years they were rated.
- Rule 6A-4.002, F.A.C., will allow educators to waive the Professional Education test if they have completed required professional preparation courses, demonstrated professional education competencies, and received effective or highly effective summative evaluations for three years.
- Rule 6A-4.003, F.A.C., will allow educators to demonstrate subject area mastery if they have a master's or higher degree in a bachelor level subject area for which a Florida subject area examination exists, as identified in the list incorporated into this rule.



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