

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
March 27, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-5.0411, Calculations of Student Learning Growth for Use in School Personnel Evaluations

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.34, F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 1012.34, F.S., requires the Commissioner of Education to approve student learning growth models for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Section 1012.34, F.S., also requires that school districts implement personnel evaluations that are based on several criteria, one of which is the performance of each educator's students. The approved student learning growth models are value-added models (VAMs) that provide districts an option for use in their local evaluation systems and are also used by the Department and State Board in a number of ways. This rule incorporates the "Florida VAM Course List," which lists the courses that are currently used in the calculation. If a teacher teaches any of these courses and has at least two students enrolled in the same course who tested on the corresponding statewide, standardized assessment, the teacher will receive a VAM score for the subject associated with the course.

The course list identified in the "Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments," adopted and incorporated in Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C., is amended on an annual basis. The "Florida VAM Course List" must be updated as a result of these changes. To align the VAM course list with the course code directory, the proposed amendment does the following: removes courses that are no longer in the course code directory; adds courses that are new for the 2023-24 school year; and updates course names that have changed since the list was adopted in 2021-22. Ultimately, the new course list will contain the 2023-24 VAM courses that will be used to compute teacher scores for the 2023-24 school year. The course code directory will be reviewed annually to determine if the VAM Course List needs to be updated for subsequent years. Additionally, the proposed rule amends directory and rule reference information that have been updated since the rule was last amended in 2022.

Teachers, schools, and districts will be primarily affected by this rule amendment which will align the VAM course list with the courses and course codes utilized by districts.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-5.0411, F.A.C., and Florida VAM Course List

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