



Statewide Email

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FROM: Carrie E. Henderson, Ph.D.
TO: Councils of Instructional and Student Affairs
Via: CIA and CSA Listserves
SUBJECT: Civic Literacy Rule Development

Dear Colleagues:

The Department of Education plans to initiate rule development to amend [Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency](#), Florida Administrative Code. This amendment is designed to add the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test – Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions, also known as the Florida Civic Literacy Test, as an option by which students can demonstrate civic literacy competency. This proposed amendment aligns the rule with the Board of Governors regulation and presents a low-cost option for students.

This semester, school districts across the state are voluntarily piloting the same assessment in response to Governor DeSantis's directive to Commissioner Corcoran to implement a [new civic literacy requirement for high school students](#). The proposed rule amendment will also specify that high school students who pass the Florida Civic Literacy Test during the 2019-20 school year as part of the civic literacy exam pilot will have demonstrated postsecondary civic literacy competency.

We are planning a rule workshop for Friday, March 27, 2020, from 2:00-3:00pm EDT via webinar. You may register for the workshop at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1072577296762292492>.

We are monitoring legislative session for any additional changes affecting civic literacy requirements. Please visit our website for updated information regarding rule development: <https://web02.fldoe.org/Rules/Default.aspx>.

Thank you,
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