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TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: April 6, 2022

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code, Civic Literacy Competency**

On March 30, 2022, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code, Civic Literacy Competency. The amendment adds the civic literacy competency requirement as a condition of graduation for Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science (A.S./A.A.S.) degree programs. A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

With the rule amendment, all degree-seeking students will have to meet the civic literacy competency requirement, consistent with the new general education core requirements from House Bill 1507, which passed during the 2021 legislative session. Once effective, students entering A.S./A.A.S. degree programs in 2022-23 and thereafter will be required to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency prior to graduation.

Action Required: All Florida College System (FCS) institutions will be affected by the rule amendment. Each college should review the statutory and rule requirements and modify their existing policies and procedures to comply with the provisions. This may include reviewing and revising A.S./A.A.S. program requirements and program maps to include approved courses, updating institutional catalogs and websites, and informing admissions and program advisors.

The rule amendment is not expected to affect state reporting, as Data Element 1065 in the Student Database is being sunset now that demonstration of competency is a graduation requirement based on catalog year. Regarding FASTER transcripts, fields 11e and 11f were deployed in December 2021 as the mechanism to denote that a student has completed both the course and the assessment requirement.

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The Florida Department of Education maintains a Postsecondary Civic Literacy website that contains additional technical assistance related to the rule and the Florida Civic Literacy Exam. For up-to-date information and resources, including an updated Frequently Asked Questions document, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/postsec-civics-lit.stml>.

Please contact Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Director of Academic Affairs, at Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org for questions regarding the rule.

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