

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
November 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Turnaround Option Plans for the School Districts of Gadsden and Pasco County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consideration of new Turnaround Option Plans (TOPs) for approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A school district shall enter a Turnaround Option Plan with State Board approval, as set forth in Rule 6A-1.099811(7)(b), F.A.C.

This action item is for the consideration of approval of a District-Managed Turnaround Option Plan (TOP)-Step 1 and TOP-Step 2 for West Gadsden Middle School in Gadsden County School District. This school entered Tier 2 School Improvement status in their first cycle of turnaround because they earned two consecutive grades of "D." This school will be implementing the first year of the two-year Turnaround Option Plan during the 2025-26 school year.

For the 2025-26 school year, the State Board of Education shall consider approval of the Turnaround Option Plan for the district and school below.

Gadsden County School District

- West Gadsden Middle School – District-Managed Turnaround

This action item is also for the consideration of approval of a TOP-Step 1 for Gulf Middle School in Pasco County School District, which is implementing Year 2 of their current TOP. Pasco County is requesting an extension of their current District Managed Turnaround Plan for the 2025-26 school year. If this extension is not approved, the district has selected External Operator as their next turnaround option.

For the 2026-27 school year, the State Board shall consider approval of the request for an extension for the school below or the TOP-Step 1 (3 Options).

Pasco County School District

- Gulf Middle School
 - Current: District-Managed Turnaround, Year 2
 - Seeking approval of an extension for District-Managed Turnaround
 - TOP-Step 1 (3 Options) Selection: External Operator

Supporting Documentation Included: Turnaround Option Plans

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