

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

July 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09422, Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring System and Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1008.22(3), (9), and (14), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this amendment to clarify when concordant scores may be used to satisfy the grade 10 ELA assessment graduation requirement, to clarify end-of-course (EOC) assessment requirements for U.S. History, and to remove the scale scores and cut score for each of the Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) English Language Arts (ELA) Writing statewide assessments.

Section (s.) 1003.4282(3)(a), F.S., establishes that, to earn a standard high school diploma, a "student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 ELA assessment or earn a concordant score." This amendment clarifies that the grade 10 ELA assessment concordant scores already adopted in Rule 6A-1.09422, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), must be earned subsequent to a first-time grade ten student's spring grade 10 ELA administration, beginning with the 2026–27 school year for such students who have not already earned a concordant score.

Section 1008.22(3)(b)3., F.S., grants the Commissioner authority to select a nationally-developed assessment for use as an EOC assessment based on a determination that the curricular content of the course meets or exceeds the state academic standards for the course. The Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT) program will now include a FACT United States History course, piloted during the 2026–27 school year, where the course and assessment will meet or exceed the standards for the U.S. History EOC; therefore, the amendment specifies the FACT United States History assessment satisfies the U.S. History EOC assessment requirement.

Lastly, this amendment removes the scale scores and cut score for each of the B.E.S.T. ELA Writing assessments, as those scores are not reported and are not in use.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.09422, F.A.C.

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