

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

IN RE: WAIVING STRICT
ADHERENCE TO THE FLORIDA
EDUCATION CODE, AS SPECIFIED
HEREIN, PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-
52, MADE NECESSARY BY THE
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

DOE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-05

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EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-114, ratifying and reaffirming Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, due to the emergency, the spring and early summer administrations of the ACT and SAT test have been cancelled, impacting the ability of seniors graduating in the 2020 to qualify for Bright Futures Scholarship Awards; and,

WHEREAS, the response to the emergency impacted the ability to some seniors graduating in the spring of 2020 to complete their volunteer hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education, find that it is necessary to suspend in part statutes and rules governing awards earned under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, as set forth below, in order to respond to and to mitigate the impacts of the emergency and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of persons connected with Florida's educational system.

- I. **Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars awards.**
 - a. Sections 1009.534(1)(e) and 1009.535(1)(e), F.S., and Rule 6A-20.028(3)(d), F.A.C., are suspended in part, to allow high school guidance counselors or other

persons approved by a district school board or the administrator of a nonpublic school to submit transcript documentation to the Florida Department of Education to report the number of volunteer service hours a student graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year had planned for, and intended to complete, prior to the student's high school graduation. Such documentation shall be considered as evidence that a student has completed the required number of volunteer service hours for scholarship eligibility.

- b. Rule 6A-20.028(3)(g)1.d., F.A.C., is suspended in part, to allow students graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year, to earn at least the required minimum SAT and ACT scores as specified for each Bright Futures Scholarship award level in section 1009.531(6), F.S., no later than July 31, 2020. Sections of the SAT or ACT from different test dates may continue to be used to meet the test criteria through July 31, 2020, but test types cannot be mixed.

II. Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

- a. Section 1009.536(1)(e), F.S., is suspended in part, to allow high school guidance counselors or other persons approved by a district school board or the administrator of a nonpublic school to submit transcript documentation to the Florida Department of Education to report the number of volunteer service hours a student graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year had planned for, and intended to complete, prior to the student's high school graduation. Such documentation shall be considered as evidence that a student has completed the required number of volunteer service hours for scholarship eligibility.

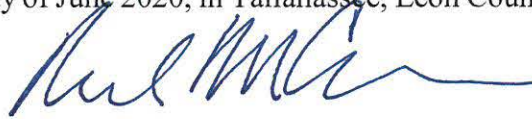
- b. Rule 6A-20.028(3)(g)2., F.A.C., is suspended in part, to allow students graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year, to earn at least the minimum qualifying subtest scores from the Florida Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), SAT, or ACT, as specified in rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C., no later than July 31, 2020. Sections of the PERT, SAT, or ACT from different test dates may continue to be used to meet the test criteria through July 31, 2020, but test types cannot be mixed.

III. Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award.

- a. Section 1009.536(2)(b), F.S., is suspended in part, to allow high school guidance counselors or other persons approved by a district school board or the administrator of a nonpublic school to submit transcript documentation to the Florida Department of Education to report the number of volunteer service hours a student graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year had planned for, and intended to complete, prior to the student's high school graduation. Such documentation shall be considered as evidence that a student has completed the required number of volunteer service hours for scholarship eligibility.

The effective date of this Order shall correspond with Executive Order No. 20-52, and any extensions thereto.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of June 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Richard Corcoran
Commissioner of Education

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above EMERGENCY ORDER has been filed with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Education, on this 11th day of June 2020.



Agency Clerk