

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09981, School and District Accountability

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02, 1008.22, 1008.34(6) and 1008.345, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

School and district grades are calculated annually and provide an easily understandable metric to measure the performance of a school and district. s. 1008.34, F.S., establishes the statewide school and district grading system for all public schools in the state, including definitions for which schools should be calculated, what components are included in the school grades calculation, and how and which schools earn a grade of A-F. Additionally, the statute requires the State Board of Education to adopt in rule a school grading scale that sets the percentage of points needed to earn a school grade.

The proposed amendments to the rule will incorporate the school grading scale for the 2023-24 school grades results. In the 2022 legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 1048 (CH. 2022-16, L.O.F.) amended s. 1008.34(7), F.S., to require the State Board of Education to review the school grading scale and determine if the grading scale should be adjusted once learning gains data from the 2023-24 school year become available. Additionally, the proposed amendments will incorporate technical changes that update the alternate assessment language to align with language in Rule 6A-1.0943, F.A.C., and remove references to the English Language Proficiency Assessment now that all students identified as English Language Learners are assessed on the end-of-year progress monitoring assessment, even in their first year as a student enrolled in a Florida public school, as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Schools and districts will primarily be affected by these amendments which will satisfy legislative requirements, ensure alignment of assessment language across multiple rules, and satisfy requirements under Florida's State Plan in compliance with ESSA.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.09981, F.A.C.

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