STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Action I tem

June 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.094124, Required Instruction Planning and Reporting

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(2)(n) and 1003.42(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This amendment will provide school districts and members of instructional staff with clarification concerning teaching the required subjects listed in s. 1003.42(2)(n), F.S.

It specifies the following:

- Efficient and faithful teaching of the required topics must be consistent with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.
- Instruction on the required topics must be factual and objective, and may not suppress or distort significant historical events, such as the Holocaust, and may not define American history as something other than the creation of a new nation based largely on universal principles stated in the Declaration of Independence.
- Efficient and faithful teaching further means that any discussion is appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students, and teachers serve as facilitators for student discussion and do not share their personal views or attempt to indoctrinate or persuade students to a particular point of view that is inconsistent with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.094124, F.A.C.

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