

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
February 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certification of Completion

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1003.4285(1), 1003.4282(7)(b), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This rule is proposed for amendment to reflect changes from the 2013 Legislative Session. Section 1003.4285(1), Florida Statutes, was revised to add scholar and merit diploma designation requirements. Section 1003.4282(7)(b), F.S., establishes new certificate of completion requirements in addition to those outlined in Section 1003.428(7)(b), F.S. This rule establishes form of high school diplomas and specifies that districts must provide a scholar and/or merit designation on an eligible student's diploma. This rule also revises language for the form of a certificate of completion to remove specificity and improve alignment with statutes as revisions occur.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.0995, Form of High School Diplomas and Certification of Completion

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6A-1.0995 Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion.

Pursuant to Sections 1003.428, 1003.4282, 1003.43 and 1003.438, F.S., the form of the Standard Diploma, the Special Diploma, State of Florida High School Performance-Based Diploma, the Certificate of Completion and the Special Certificate of Completion shall contain the wording and be in the form prescribed herein.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Certificate of Completion:

Name of School

City, State

Florida Seal

This certifies that

(Name of Student)

having satisfactorily completed all requirements of law~~the minimum number of credits for high school graduation and other applicable requirements prescribed by the rules of the District School Board~~, is hereby awarded this

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

by order of the _____ County District School Board

(Date of Award)

Superintendent

of Schools

Chairman,

School Board

Principal

(5) No Change.

(6) Districts must determine student eligibility for designations of ~~for~~ each of the following accomplishments and include on standard diplomas issued beginning in July 2013 ~~May 2009~~ as applicable:

(a) Completion of the scholar designation requirements in accordance with Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes ~~four credits in the same Major Area of Interest as provided in Section 1003.428, F.S.~~

~~(b) Completion of the merit designation requirements in accordance with Section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes four or more accelerated college credit courses in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), or dual enrollment courses, provided that the student is eligible for college credit pursuant to Sections 1007.27 and 1007.271, F.S. Successful passage of AP, IB, and AICE exams are designated in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit by Exam Equivalencies list available from the Department's web site at http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/pdf/2007_ACC_CBE.pdf. Successful passage of dual enrollment coursework constitutes a grade of C or better.~~

~~(c) Industry certification in accordance with Section 1003.492, F.S., and~~

~~(d) Florida Ready to Work Credential in accordance with Section 1004.99, F.S.~~

~~(7) Designations may be in the form of a seal, sticker, stamp, or text. There may be no more than four (4) state designations on a diploma (for example, a student who completes four (4) credits in AP courses and four (4) credits in dual enrollment may not get more than one (1) designation for accelerated options); however, districts may choose to combine designations to save space on the diploma. District seals allowed in subsection (7) of this rule must be placed below state designations.~~

~~(8) School boards electing to award differentiated diplomas in lieu of the Standard Diploma as authorized in Section 1003.43, F.S., may place on the Standard Diploma a seal to indicate the type of differentiation. Seals given in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement may also be placed on the face of the Standard Diploma. Seals described in this subsection may not be placed above the state designations as described in subsection (6) of this rule.~~

~~(8) (9) Each district school board shall produce or have produced the Diplomas and Certificates of Completion in the quantity and as needed to be awarded to the students in the public schools of that district. Any person producing copies shall, pursuant to Section 15.03(3), F.S., and rule 1-2.0021 Chapter 1C-5, F.A.C., secure approval from the Department of State to print the State Seal on such copies.~~

~~(9) (10) The Commissioner is authorized, upon written request from any district school board, to approve modification in the form or format of the diplomas or certificates prescribed herein; however, such modification shall not substantively alter the content or the wording of the diplomas or certificates.~~

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1003.428, 1003.4282, 1003.435, 1003.438, 1003.53 FS. Law Implemented ~~15.03(3),~~ 1001.02, 1003.428, 1003.4282, 1003.4285, 1003.435, 1003.438, 1003.53 FS. History—New 11-14-78, Amended 6-9-81, Formerly 6A-1.995, Amended 4-3-90, 1-5-09, 7-19-10,