

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
May 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02412, Foreign Language Competence and Equivalence

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.262, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1007.262, Florida Statutes, mandates that the department establish equivalencies between secondary and postsecondary courses for identified foreign language competencies. Current language establishes completion of two (2) secondary foreign language credits as equivalent to 8-10 postsecondary semester credits in the same foreign language. This postsecondary credit requirement was consistent with state university first-time-in-college (FTIC) and transfer admissions regulations.

The Board of Governors recently revised its FTIC and transfer admission regulations from 8-10 postsecondary semester hours in one foreign language or American Sign Language to completion of foreign language courses to the elementary 2 level (e.g., SPN 1121 Elementary Spanish 2, FRE 1121 Elementary French 2). Therefore, there is no specific postsecondary credit requirement. The BOG regulation also revised the admissions requirement for secondary courses from two (2) credits to completion of the second high school foreign language course (e.g., 0708350 Spanish 2, 0701330 French 2).

Pursuant to Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, institutions must award credit for postsecondary courses completed through an accelerated mechanism. Students may complete this foreign language requirement through coursework and/or a foreign language examination.

Florida College System institutions may also establish alternate means for students, particularly non-native speakers, to demonstrate competence.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-10.02412, Foreign Language Competence and Equivalence

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6A-10.02412 Foreign Language Competence and Equivalence.

The provisions herein shall be used by Florida College System institutions ~~community colleges and universities~~ to determine equivalency, pursuant to ~~in the university admission requirement in~~ Section 1007.262, Florida Statutes, between ~~for~~ two (2) credits in one (1) foreign language at the secondary level and ~~or~~ the equivalent at the postsecondary level.

(1) No change.

(2) Completion of a postsecondary course at the elementary 2 level~~Eight (8) to ten (10) semester credits in one (1) foreign language or American Sign Language (ASL) at the postsecondary level~~ shall be considered to produce the competence specified in subsection (1) herein. ~~Therefore, students who have earned at least eight (8) semester credits in one (1) foreign language at the postsecondary level shall have met the foreign language requirement for university admission. Credit awarded on the basis of scores on the foreign language subject matter examinations in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) pursuant to paragraph 6A-10.024(6)(b), F.A.C., shall count toward the eight (8) to ten (10) semester credits. The examination, minimum scores for awarding credit, and minimum credit to be awarded are:~~

	Minimum	Minimum
French		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	62	6
German		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	63	6
Spanish		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	66	6

(3) Students may demonstrate completion of the competencies specified in subsection (1) herein by other means

~~as determined by the Florida College System institution. An alternate method for students to demonstrate equivalent foreign language competence is by means of a minimum score of four hundred forty three (443) on the Latin examination published under the title of MAPS by The College Board, which represents the 1985 national mean of college bound seniors minus one (1) standard deviation. For students to demonstrate equivalent foreign language competence by examination in foreign languages not listed herein, the examinations and standards may be determined by the institution.~~

Rulemaking Specific Authority 1001.02(1), 1007.262 FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, ~~1007.261~~, 1007.262 FS.

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