



POLICY 5.016

5-A I recommend that the Board approve development of the new Policy 5.016, "Procedures for Choice Schools and Programs."

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- The Department of Choice Programs and School Choice has prepared a procedures manual to provide guidelines for matters such as the History and Purpose of choice schools and programs in Palm Beach County, Kinds of Choice Programs, Attendance Boundary Options, Academic or Related Eligibility Criteria, Recruitment, Application Process, Selection Process, Appeals Process, Transportation, Student Continuation and Exit Procedures, Creating, Replicating, or Moving a Choice School or Program, Determining Continuation of Existing Choice Schools or Programs, Diversity and District-Wide Maintenance of School Populations.
- This new Policy would incorporate this Procedures Manual by reference. At the special meeting on Policies on September 13, the Board requested certain minor amendments to the Manual. These amendments are reflected in the following sections of the September 18 edition of the Manual: 1.b.iii (diversity definition); 7.c.i.D (addition of Appendix A, referring to choice programs and school choice priority SAC areas); 7.c.iii (order of weighted random lottery process; addition of ESE students with disabilities); 13.a, .c, and .e (addition of ESE students with disabilities).
- A recommendation for adoption of an emergency rule (5.016-ER) is also being made simultaneously on September 27 because the Policy should be adopted as close as possible to the beginning of the school year and before the due date for a major grant application that may call for the existence of such Policy. This regular development process is likely to be completed by October or November, before the emergency rule would expire on December 26, 2006.

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PROCEDURES FOR CHOICE SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

1. The School District's Procedures Manual for Choice Schools and Programs (dated September 18, 2006) is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and is available on the web site of the Department of Choice Programs and School Choice at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/choiceprograms.
2. Implementation of the procedures in the Manual shall be coordinated by the Director of Choice Programs and School Choice.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41(1), (2); 1001.42(22)

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41(1); 1001.42(4); 1002.20(6)(a)

HISTORY: New: ___ / ___ /2006

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed the proposed Policy 5.016 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date