



POLICY 8.01

5-A I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed revised Policy 8.01, entitled “Promotion, Placement and Graduation – Student Progression Plans.”

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- Pursuant to Section 1008.25, Florida Statutes: Public school student progression, remedial instruction, promotion, and reporting requirements require that each district school board shall establish a comprehensive program for student progression. The 2008-2009 Student Progression Plans (Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adult), which are attached to the proposed emergency rule that appears as item 4-K on the August 27, 2008 agenda, contain the revisions to the Plans to reflect the requirements of Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.
- This revision will incorporate the 2008-2009 editions of the Student Progression Plans into Policy 8.01 immediately upon adoption.
- A recommendation for adoption of an emergency rule (8.01-ER) is also being made on August 20, 2008 because it is important that the amendments to the Plans be incorporated as close as possible to the beginning of the school year. The regular revision process is likely to be completed before the emergency rule expires on November 25, 2008.
- Revisions include:
 - Modified wording for *Exceptional Student Education, Students with Disabilities* and *Students with an Active 504 Accommodation Plan* to reflect statutes, rules and policies
 - Added language to clarify Physical Education requirements (elementary and high school) and waiver options (high school)
 - Eliminated second semester exam exemptions for underclassmen
 - Revised Special Diploma Option 2; eliminated Option 1

- Eliminated Three-year 18-credit College and Career Preparatory Programs for students declaring in 2004-05
- Revised charts and language to reflect remediation requirements and progress monitoring plans
- Revised language and arrangement of sections to align the Plans

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**PROMOTION, PLACEMENT, AND GRADUATION – STUDENT PROGRESSION
PLANS**

1. The School Board of Palm Beach County values the educational development of each student in the District. District instructional personnel will consider the individual student's academic needs when placing students in subjects, grade levels or specialty programs.
2. Promotion between grade levels shall be based upon evaluation of each student's performance and achievement. To assist and guide school officials in their decisions on placement, promotion, retention, and special programs, the Superintendent has developed the ~~2007-2008~~ 2008-2009 Student Progression Plans (~~as revised by the Board on January 30, 2008~~), which are incorporated by reference into this Board Policy. Copies of the Plans shall be maintained in the District office and at each school and are available online at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/curriculumlearningsupport and www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/documents/#SPP. The Plans must include student performance standards and promotional and graduation requirements for grades K-12, adult general education, exceptional student education, and dual enrollment. Before being presented to the Board for annual approval, the revised and updated Student Progression Plan will be reviewed for compliance with federal law and Florida law and State Board of Education rules, and the Plans shall be interpreted and implemented consistent with federal and state law.
3. All PBSD forms referenced to within the Student Progression Plans are incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Policy and may be found on the School District's Records Management web site at: <http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp>.
4. All documents referred to within the Student Progression Plans are incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Policy and may be found on the School District's web site at: <http://www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/> or at the Florida Department of Education web site at: <http://www.fldoe.org/>.
5. As required by Fla. Stat. § 1008.25(7)(b)5, the District shall annually publish in the local newspaper any revisions to this Policy on student retention and promotion from the prior year, referring to changes in the Student Progression Plan incorporated into this Policy.

36 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41; 1001.41(2); 1008.25;
37 1008.25(2)(7)(b)5; 1012.23(1)
38 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.31; 1003.21; 1003.43; 1003.437; 1003.438;
39 1003.46; 1003.56; 1008.252
40 HISTORY: 2/18/72; 4/24/74; 12/19/74; 12/3/75; 10/20/76; 6/14/77; 10/17/79; 10/15/80;
41 5/4/83; 9/7/83; 6/5/85; 12/9/86; 3/16/88; 6/24/92; 7/28/03; 4/5/06; 9/6/06-(ER); 11/8/06;
42 8/22/07 (ER); 10/24/07; 5/7/2008: / /08 (ER)

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 8.01 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date