

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on December 12, 2001 its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.46, Magnet Programs/Schools, at its meeting January 16, 2002.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment is to establish magnet admission procedures inclusive of a mechanism to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds have the opportunity to attend specialized schools and programs in the district through the use of race-neutral admission measures.

SUMMARY: As a result of the amendment, magnet admission procedures will make use of race-neutral measures to achieve diverse student enrollments within specialized schools and programs. The amended Board Rule aims to establish magnet administrative procedures that meet unitary status guidelines set forth by Judge William P. Dimitrouleas, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. To achieve the aim of diverse student enrollments, the amended Board Rule broadens the definition of diversity to include factors such as, unique language needs or abilities, socio-economic circumstances, race and ethnicity, gender, and exceptional student education needs. Other changes deemed necessary for the purpose of providing clarity to the Board Rule are also included. Deleted

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:
230.22(2); 230.23(22), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 230.23005(3)(b)

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF January 16, 2002, which begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by January 7, 2002, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Ms. Magaly Abrahante
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Date: December 10, 2001

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