

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of January 16, 2002

December 21, 2001

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING 6Gx13-  
5A-1.021, ADMISSION POLICY AT HENRY S. WEST LABORATORY  
SCHOOL**

Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.021, Admission Policy at Henry S. West Laboratory School, delineates policy and procedures for student enrollment to include administrative procedures that further the district's previously Court-ordered desegregation goals. On June 21, 2001, Judge William P. Dimitrouleas, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, granted unitary status to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, effective June 30, 2002. Consequently, Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.021, Admission Policy at Henry S. West Laboratory School, requires revision, particularly with regard to the use of race-based admission procedures.

Revision of the aforementioned Board Rule is a direct result of the unitary status declaration. Modifications aim to establish 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.

Details of this Board Agenda Item, in conjunction with a revised Board Rule draft, will be made available prior to the Board meeting of January 16, 2002.

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