

Office of Human Resources
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE ADD-ON
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED ENDORSEMENT TO THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CONTINUATION OF
PROGRAM APPROVAL**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL
SERVICES**

Authorization is requested to submit the Add-on Certification Program for Gifted Endorsement to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for continuation of program approval. This program provides the opportunity for teachers currently certified in elementary education or other academic class areas to extend their certification coverages through inservice education courses. It is expected that this Add-on Certification Program will contribute to reducing the number of teachers teaching in the subject area without the necessary certification, provide the District with individuals endorsed to deliver instruction to populations of gifted students, and provide the opportunity for teachers to earn certification and gain expertise through inservice education.

The Add-on Certification Program for Gifted Endorsement includes the courses required by and specified in State Board Rule 6A-4.01791, Specialization Requirements for the Gifted Endorsement – Academic Class. The coursework required for this add-on program includes classroom and field experiences as well as independent activities as described in the program curriculum.

Master Plan Points have been assigned to each course in accordance with the required procedures of the Teacher Education Center. These courses are currently included in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Master Plan for Inservice Education, 1999-2004, approved by the School Board at the August 20, 2003 meeting, and will be included in the Master Plan for Inservice Education, 2004-2009.

Training and Development through the Teacher Education Center, with the cooperation of the Division of Advanced Academics, will offer the courses for gifted endorsement. Courses provided through the district's Add-on Certification Program are funded through the Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund grant. No additional local funding is required for program implementation.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit the Add-on Certification Program for Gifted Endorsement to the Florida Department of Education for continuation of program approval. No additional local funds are needed to continue implementation of this program.

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