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School Operations

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD RULE: FINAL READING  
6Gx13- 1C-1.13, CONTESTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on May 18, 2005, its intention to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 1C-1.13, Contests, at its meeting of July 13, 2005, to revise the designated time frame permitted for contest participation to coincide with the school year's starting and ending dates and the deadline date to submit applications for the school year's starting and ending dates and the deadline date to submit applications for District contests that are being considered for approval by the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force. Additionally, new language has been added to indicate the number of committee members required to review and approve contest applications submitted after the deadline date.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on May 23, 2005, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the amended rule and to individuals requesting notification.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of this rule has elapsed.

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this rule is presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file the rule in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the amended rule. Changes from the current rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt amended Board Rule 6Gx13- 1C-1.13, Contests, and authorize the Superintendent to file the rule with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective July 13, 2005.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on May 18, 2005, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 1C-1.13, Contests, at its meeting of July 13, 2005.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To reflect the revised designated time frame permitted for participation in approved District contests to coincide with the school year starting and ending dates and the deadline to submit contest applications for review and approval by the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force, and to add language indicating the number of committee members required to review and approve contests submitted after the deadline date.

**SUMMARY:** Board Rule 6Gx13- 1C-1.13, Contests, establishes procedures necessary to conduct approved contests in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 1001.41(3) F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF July 13, 2005, which begins 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 for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1) F.S. must do so in writing by June 14, 2005, 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 to the public for inspection and copying at cost in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Mr. F. Craig Sturgeon  
Supervisor: Ms. Willa S. Young  
Date: May 4, 2005

**Public Activities Involving Staff or Students****CONTESTS****I. Contest Selection: Procedures**

All contests conducted in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools must be recommended by the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force and approved by the Superintendent of Schools. The membership of the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force shall include representatives from each school level (elementary, middle, senior), the Region level, the District office and the exclusive bargaining unit for teachers. Additionally, a School Board member shall serve as an ex-officio member.

- A. It shall be the duty of the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force to review all requests for contests and recommend to the Superintendent of Schools those which meet the criteria established by the National Contest Committee Association of Secondary School Principals.
- B. The list of contests approved by the Superintendent of Schools will be sent to schools and notification mailed to sponsoring agencies.
- C. No contest of a districtwide nature that has not been recommended by the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force and approved by the Superintendent of Schools shall be conducted during the school year.
- D. No contest shall be allowed before ~~October~~ September 1 or after May April 1 unless it is a national contest that requires participation at a definite time.
- E. Deadline for accepting applications for consideration for contests for the next school year shall be ~~August 30~~ July 31, but they may be received any time prior to this date. Applications received after this date ~~may not be included on the calendar except with the unanimous approval of~~ must be reviewed and approved by a committee composed of at least three members of the District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force and recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
- F. Teachers are not to screen entries for any contest unless provision was made for this at the time the contest was approved.

- F. Does not place an undue burden on students, teachers, or the school, nor require frequent or lengthy absences of participants from the schools;
- G. Is sponsored by an organization engaged in a creditable or acceptable enterprise regardless of kind or number of prizes offered and that must not use the contest or activity as a "front" for advertising a company name or product; and
- H. Emphasizes high moral standards, good citizenship, and intellectual competence.

Approval of all contests is permissive in nature and in no way obligates the individual school to participate. The school must decide whether the contests fit into the instructional program of that particular school.

The responsibility for getting information to the schools and promoting the contests rests with the sponsoring agency.

Specific Authority: ~~230.22(2)~~ 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.  
Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: ~~230.22(4)~~ 1001.41(3) F.S.

History: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Repromulgated: 12-11-74  
Amended: 3-31-82; 5-25-94;  
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