

Ava G. Byrne, Deputy Superintendent  
Office of Professional Development

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN ADD-ON  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR DRIVER EDUCATION  
ENDORSEMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL**

**COMMITTEE:       SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Authorization is requested to submit an Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement for approval by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). The program will allow teachers who have met specialization requirements for certification in another subject to extend their certification coverages through inservice education courses. The Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement is expected to increase the number of teachers qualified to deliver instruction in driver's education. The program is intended to encourage teachers to seek this endorsement through courses offered and controlled by M-DCPS and to avoid outside vendors.

The Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement will include required courses addressing specialization requirements identified in State Board Rule 6A-4.0131, Specialization Requirements for Endorsement in Driver Education-Academic Class. The coursework includes classroom and field experiences and a portfolio requirement. The program curriculum includes the courses listed below:

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Component No.</u>	<u>MPP</u>
Basic Driver Education/Traffic Safety	1-014-537	60
Advanced Driver Education/Traffic Safety	1-014-538	60
Administration and Supervision of Driver Traffic Safety	1-014-539	60

Master Plan Points (MPP) have been assigned to each course in accordance with procedures established by the Miami-Dade Teacher Education Center. Pending approval from the School Board and FDOE, these courses will be added to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Master Plan for Inservice Education, 2004-2009.

The Office of Professional Development in cooperation with other district offices, will offer the courses through the Teacher Education Center. Copies of detailed information regarding the courses will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to support the implementation of the Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement is included in the Office of Professional Development budget for 2005-2006. No additional local funding is required for program implementation.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to submit an Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement for approval by the Florida Department of Education and that courses included in the Add-on Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement be included as part of the district's Master Plan for Inservice Education, 2004-2005.

No additional local funds are required.

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