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**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY: INITIAL  
READING: POLICY 5410, STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

**COMMITTEE:** INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:** EDUCATION

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Policy 5410, by repealing the document, *Student Progression Plan 2010-2011*, to promulgate the new document, School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2011-2012*. It is necessary to repeal the document because of extensive changes of its contents resulting from actions by the 2011 Florida Legislature and the School Board. Additional changes have been made to incorporate current District procedures and enter new language, as appropriate.

Any changes that would have an impact on the *Student Progression Plan 2011-2012* based upon future interpretations or clarification of legislation by the Florida Department of Education will be communicated to appropriate staff by means of memoranda. Changes in the 2010-2011 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages vi and vii of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2011-2012* include:

- References to School Board Rules throughout the document have been revised to reflect the new School Board Policies which became effective July 1, 2011;
- Details of the transition to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), FCAT 2.0 and the Florida End-of-Course Assessments as they pertain to promotion and graduation are incorporated throughout the document;
- The Florida Legislature enacted a statute that requires students entering grade 9 in 2011-2012 to enroll in at least one online course as a requirement for high school graduation;
- Information regarding the use of the Transcript Review and Course Evaluation (TRACE) System for recording secondary school courses that students have taken outside of M-DCPS is provided; and

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- The Florida Department of Education has included participation and performance in academic dual enrollment courses as part of the High School Accountability Formula.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the policy proposed for amendment.

Copies of the new document, *Student Progression Plan 2011-2012*, will be forwarded to the Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of Board Policy 5410, Student Progression Plan.

The full document can be viewed at:

<http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=44VI7G6PmCHWHFT~!47R2fan8vcIFGITfCoauCXXNjdMyfmefrSK15qm6Lb3SSrzNO&app=AttachmentManager;>

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policy 5410, Student Progression Plan.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on September 7, 2011, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of October 19, 2011.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The repeal of the document, *Student Progression Plan 2010-2011*, and the proposed new document, *Student Progression Plan 2011-2012*, are the result of actions by the Florida Legislature, interpretations or clarifications by the Florida Department of Education of statutes, or Florida Board of Education rules related to student progression. Of particular note are changes to the high school graduation requirements. In addition, recommendations from various stakeholder groups have been incorporated into this document.

**SUMMARY:** The document establishes the requirements and procedures for student progression within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These procedures are related to student progression, retention, and special placement, grades K-12 and adult. The full document can be viewed at:

<http://attachmentManagerFiles.dadeschools.net/getFile.ashx?id=44VI7G6PmCHWHFT~!47R2fan8vclFGITfCoauCXNjDMyfmeFrSK15qm6Lb3SSrzNO&app=AttachmentManager;>

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 1001.41(1) and (2); 1001.42 (25); and 1001.43 (10) F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 1001.41(3); 1003.41; 1003.413; 1003.4156; 1003.428; 1003.4285; 1003.429; 1003.4295; 1003.43; 1003.435; 1003.437; 1003.438; 1008.22; 1008.25 F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF October 19, 2011, 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 a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by October 3, 2011, 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 based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

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

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Date: August 23, 2011