

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING
6Gx13- 5A-1.11, FOREIGN STUDENT REGISTRATION**

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.11, Foreign Student Registration, to be consistent with the District Plan for Limited English Proficient Students, 1995-98, and with State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0900.

Major revisions to the Rule include:

- abolishing New Student Registration Center in order to avoid unnecessary delays and hardships on students and parents. This service will be provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- all students, including potential limited English proficient (LEP) students initially entering Miami-Dade County Public Schools will register at the school of the actual residence of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the attendance area as approved by the Board.
- services at the school include orientation to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, information on social agencies, health services, language proficiency testing, mathematics level assessment, transcript analysis, and distribution of other information to assist parents and their children to enroll in school.

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

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.11, Foreign Student Registration.

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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 Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.11, Foreign Student Registration.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA announced on May 17, 2000, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 5A-1.11, Foreign Student Registration at its meeting of June 21, 2000.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The changes bring the rule in line with the District Plan for Limited English Proficient Students, 1995-98, and with State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0900.

SUMMARY; As amended, the rule will provide all students, including potential limited English proficient students, the opportunity of registering at the school of the actual residence of the parent(s)/guardian(s). The school will provide services, such as, orientation to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, information on social agencies, health services, language proficiency testing, mathematics level assessment, transcript analysis and distribution of other information to assist parents and their children to enroll in school.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 228.121; 232.01; 232.02; 232.021; 232.022; 232.03 F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF June 21, 2000, 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 by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by June 12, 2000, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of 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 RULE is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Originator: Ms. Marta Leyva
Supervisor: Mr. Eddie T. Pearson
Date: May 2, 2000

Attendance**FOREIGN STUDENT REGISTRATION**

I. Registration Requirements - Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Twelve

For initial entry into Miami-Dade County Public Schools, all students will have the option of registering: (1) at the school on the basis of the actual residence of the parent or legal guardian in the attendance area of the school as approved by the Board; or (2) at a New Student Reception Center. Entry requirements into Miami-Dade County Public Schools are the same for all students, regardless of country of birth and immigration status.

A. The New Student Reception Center Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide the following services:

1. orientation to Miami-Dade County Public Schools offered to parents and students in English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and other languages, within available resources;
2. information on different social agencies that can be accessed by the parents/families;
3. english language proficiency testing to ease the registration/scheduling process at the school;
4. mathematics level assessment in the home language for secondary level students to ensure appropriate programmatic placement, especially for those students without educational records;
5. analysis of foreign educational records used for grade placement and course equivalence;
6. distribution of information on services and programs available for all students (e.g., pre-kindergarten, gifted programs, magnet programs, counseling services, scholarship opportunities, extracurricular activities, transportation services, parental involvement);
7. assistance in the school-level registration and placement process, if a need arises, by serving as liaison between the home and the school;

8. distribution of information on available community/adult education programs for parents/families;
9. assistance in completion of pre-registration requirements by staff who speak the home language;
10. preliminary identification of students with special needs (e.g., observable disability condition, limited or no prior school experience);
11. distribution of information on parent's/student's responsibilities, rights, and due process procedures in the parent/student language within available resources; and
12. distribution of all printed material will be in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole.

~~To access services, the parent(s)/guardian(s) may call the New Student Reception Center for an appointment. (Entry requirements into Miami-Dade County Public Schools are the same for all students, regardless of country of birth and immigration status.)~~

- B. During initial student registration, all students, grades PK-12, must present:
 1. a completed Student Health Examination (HRS-H Form 3040), including proof of tuberculin skin test, reading of the test, and appropriate follow-up;
 2. a Certificate of Immunization (HRS Form 680);
 3. verification of residence; and
 4. proof of age (evidence specified in Florida Statute 232.03).

Documentation will be requested to determine eligibility requirement for special federal and/or state funding in one of the following categories: (a) Entrant; (b) Refugee; (c) Amerasian Immigrants; and (d) other classification qualifying for specific federal and/or state funding for which specific documentation is a requirement. However, such identification/documentation will be clearly labeled as not required to enroll in any Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

II. Procedures Governing Entrance of Foreign Students into ~~Adult and Applied~~

Technology Office of Workforce Development Education Programs

A. Adult and Applied Technology Office of Workforce Development Education - Foreign Student Admission

For initial entry into Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Workforce Development Education, Adult and Applied Technology Programs, post-secondary students may register in at any ~~adult or area technical center~~ Workforce Development Education program. In accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6C-1.01, Applied Technology (Vocational) and Adult Education, and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) guidelines, any student possessing a Certificate of Eligibility (INS Form I-20) issued by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Applied Technology, Adult, and Career Workforce Development Education, must be processed through the New Student Reception Center, Adult International/Foreign Student Office.

Applicants from other countries are evaluated ~~for~~ and admitted to Adult and/or Applied Technology Workforce Development Education Programs utilizing the same criteria that is in effect for all students.

B. Adult and Applied Technology Office of Workforce Development Education - Foreign Student Registration

~~Applicants from other countries having a Form I 20 (F-1/academic or M-1/vocational) issued by an educational agency other than Miami-Dade County Public Schools New Student Reception Center, Adult Foreign Student Office register following the same procedures in effect for all students.~~

C. Adult and Applied Technology Education Registration for Foreign Students Holding a Form I 20 issued by Miami Dade County Public Schools, Office of Applied Technology, Adult, and Career Education Programs

Students possessing an INS validated Form I-20 (F-1/academic or M-1/vocational) issued by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Applied Technology, Adult, and Career Workforce Development Education Programs, must initiate a first time registration at the New Student Reception Center, Adult International/Foreign Student Office. After the initial registration the procedure followed is that in effect for all students. Students having a Form I-20 issued by the Office of Applied Technology, Adult, and Career Workforce Development Education Programs are required to register for classes full time. Full time registration is defined as (25) twenty-five hours of class per

week per trimester. Any variation in attendance, program of studies, or travel must be authorized by the Foreign Student Advisor for ~~Adult and Applied Technology~~ Workforce Development Education Programs.

Applicants from other countries having a Form I-20 (M-1/vocational) issued by an educational agency other than Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Workforce Development Education are registered following the same procedures in effect for all students.

DC. The Form I-20 and Foreign Student Visa/Foreign Student Status

Foreign students who meet the requisites of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service may apply for a foreign student visa or foreign student status. ~~The New Student Reception Center, Office of Applied Technology, Adult, and Career Education~~ Office of Workforce Development Education facilitates and counsels in all aspects of the process related to obtaining the ~~F-1/academic or M-1/vocational~~ visa abroad or the ~~F-1/academic or M-1/vocational~~ status in the United States. Not having a Form I-20 or appropriate visa does not preclude admissions and studies in ~~the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system.~~ Admission to Workforce Development Education programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools ~~programs in Adult and Applied Technology Education~~ is open to all applicants meeting program criteria and is not related to possession of a student visa or immigration status.

E D. Tuition and Fees for Non-immigrant Visa Students

~~A s~~Students in the United States as ~~a non-immigrants~~ in any visa category is ~~are~~ subject to established tuitions and fees that apply to ~~a non-residents~~ of the State of Florida.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 228.121; 232.01; 232.02;
232.021; 232.022; 232.03 F.S.

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