

Personnel Management and Services
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT ADD-ON CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) ENDORSEMENT, MIDDLE GRADES MATHEMATICS (GRADES 5-9), MATHEMATICS (GRADES 6-12), EARTH/SPACE SCIENCE (GRADES 6-12), READING (GRADES K-12), AND SPANISH (GRADES K-12) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL

Authorization is requested to submit Add-on Certification Programs for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement, Middle Grades Mathematics (Grades 5-9), Mathematics (Grades 6-12), Earth/Space Science (Grades 6-12), Reading (Grades K-12), and Spanish (Grades K-12) to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for continuation of approval. These programs provide 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 these Add-on Certification Programs will continue to reduce the number of teachers teaching in the identified subject areas without the necessary certification, as well as provide the opportunity for teachers to earn certification and gain expertise through inservice education.

These Add-on Certification Programs include the courses required by and specified in the following Florida Board of Education Rules:

- ESOL Endorsement: Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0244
- Middle Grades Mathematics (Grades 5-9): Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0261
- Mathematics (Grades 6-12): Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0262
- Earth/Space Science (Grades 6-12): Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0322
- Reading (Grades K-12): Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0291
- Spanish (Grades K-12): Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0243

The coursework required for these add-on programs includes classroom and field experiences as well as independent activities as described in the curriculum for each program.

Master Plan Points have been assigned to each course in accordance with the required procedures of the Miami-Dade/Monroe 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 its April 17, 2002 meeting.

Human Resources and Development through the Teacher Education Center, with the cooperation of various district offices, such as the Divisions of Bilingual Programs and World Languages, Mathematics and Science, and Reading/Language Arts, will offer the courses. No additional funds are needed to continue implementation of these Add-on Certification Programs.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

authorize the Superintendent to submit Add-on Certification Programs for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement, Middle Grades Mathematics (Grades 5-9), Mathematics (Grades 6-12), Earth/Space Science (Grades 6-12), Reading (Grades K-12), and Spanish (Grades K-12) for continuation of approval by the Florida Department of Education.

No additional local funds are needed to continue implementation of these programs.

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