

Office of Human Resources  
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**SUBJECT:      REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT ADD-ON  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR ATHLETIC COACHING  
ENDORSEMENT, MIDDLE GRADES ENGLISH (GRADES 5-9),  
MIDDLE GRADES GENERAL SCIENCE (GRADES 5-9), BIOLOGY  
(GRADES 6-12), CHEMISTRY (GRADES 6-12) AND PHYSICS  
(GRADES 6-12) TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
FOR CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL**

**COMMITTEE:   LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL  
SERVICES**

Authorization is requested to submit Add-on Certification Programs for Athletic Coaching Endorsement, Middle Grades English (Grades 5-9), Middle Grades General Science (Grades 5-9), Biology (Grades 6-12), Chemistry (Grades 6-12), and Physics (Grades 6-12) 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, provide the District with individuals endorsed to function as athletic coaches, and 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 State Board Rules:

- Athletic Coaching Endorsement: State Board Rule 6A-4.0244
- Middle Grades English (5-9): State Board Rule 6A-4.0161
- Middle Grades General Science (5-9): State Board Rule 6A-4.0321
- Biology (6-12): State Board Rule 6A-4.0322(1)
- Chemistry (6-12): State Board Rule 6A-4.0322(2)
- Physics (6-12): State Board Rule 6A-4.0322(4)

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 their April 17, 2002 meeting.

Training 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. Courses provided through the district's Add-on Certification Program are funded through the Title II Teacher and Principal Quality Program grant. Consequently, no additional local funding is required for program implementation.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit Add-on Certification Programs for Athletic Coaching Endorsement, Middle Grades English (Grades 5-9), Middle Grades General Science (Grades 5-9), Biology (Grades 6-12), Chemistry (Grades 6-12), and Physics (Grades 6-12) 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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