

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASE FOR THE GENERAL
EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.021(3), effective March 1, 1998, permits each designated testing center to establish a fee of not less than the combined national and state-required charges nor more than \$50 for each applicant taking the entire battery of the General Educational Development (GED) test. According to the rule, the fee for retaking the test shall not be less than the combined national and state-required charges nor more than \$10 for retaking the Science, Social Studies, Language Arts Reading, and Math sections of the test. Additionally, the fee to retake the Writing Skills Test shall not be more than \$12.

It is recommended that the following fee increases, effective January 2, 2004, be authorized for the purpose of defraying costs resulting from a test pricing increase, as well as the need to provide additional testing sessions at several sites throughout the district.

Proposed Fees for the State of Florida High School Diploma (GED) Test

	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Effective January 2, 2004</u>
Entire battery of five tests	\$32	\$50
Retake of Language Arts Reading, Science, Social Studies, and Math Tests	\$ 6	\$10
Retake of Writing Skills Test	\$ 9	\$10

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to approve fee increases as permitted by State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.021(3), for the General Educational Development (GED) test and its subtests, effective January 2, 2004.

No local funds are required.