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

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida announced on January 15, 2014, its intention to amend School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2012-2013*, at its meeting of March 12, 2014. Changes in the document reflect actions by the 2013 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 2013-2014*, 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 to the 2012-2013 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages vii and viii of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2013-2014* include:

- New designations of *Scholar* and *Merit* on standard high school diplomas for students meeting criteria for each of these designations, as per 1003.4285, F.S.;
- As per Senate Bill 1076, repeal of the Secondary School Redesign Act, 1003.43, F.S. and revisions to 1000.03, F.S. related to preparing students for the transition from school to postsecondary education or work;
- Requirements for high school graduation including End of Course assessment as explained in 1003.4282;
- Updated information regarding assessments that include the FCAT 2.0, End of Course assessments and Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT); and
- Senate Bill 1076 adds subjects to the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) and provides for a new 18-credit ACCEL accelerated high school graduation option, which replaces the previous college preparatory and the career preparatory 18-credit options.

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The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on January 21, 2014, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by the policy and to individuals requesting notification.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of this policy has elapsed.

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, this policy is presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file the policy in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action.

Copies of the documents will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

The proposed amended document may be viewed online at:

- [http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/files/SPP\\_2013-2014.pdf](http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/files/SPP_2013-2014.pdf)

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to adopt Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2013-2014*, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida to be effective March 12, 2014.

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on January 15, 2014, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of March 12, 2014.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The changes to the updated *Student Progression Plan 2013-2014* 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. 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://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/files/SPP 2013-2014.pdf](http://socialsciences.dadeschools.net/files/SPP%202013-2014.pdf)

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

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** Sections 1001.41(3); 1001.42(6); 1003.41; 1003.413; 1003.4156; 1003.428; 1003.429; 1003.4295; 1003.43; 1008.22; 1008.25 F.S.

**IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF** March 12, 2014, 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 February 11, 2014, 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: December 12, 2013