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

**COMMITTEE:** ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**  
**BLUEPRINT:** RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on January 13, 2016 its intention to repeal the document, *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015* and to promulgate the new document, *Student Progression Plan 2015-2016*. The changes of its contents reflect actions by the 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 2015-2016* based upon future interpretations or clarification of legislation by the Florida Department of Education will be communicated to appropriate staff by means of memoranda.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2015-2016* include:

- Information regarding the newly-created Miami-Dade County Public Schools Seal of Biliteracy that will recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of competency in one or more world languages;
- A description of Florida's new assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs), the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs), effective this school year for ELL students in grades K-12. This assessment replaces the Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA).
- Revised language that explains enhancements to the District's Intensive Acceleration Course for selected retained third grade students and for students in fourth grade who were promoted through good cause;

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- Explanations for the District's new Parental Opt Out Procedure for students in intensive reading courses. Changes to HB 7069 deleted statutory requirements for secondary students to be enrolled in remedial courses. Per the Florida Department of Education, school districts are to make local decisions for providing academic support for these students; and
- Updated language describing two graduation options available only to students with disabilities, the Standard Diploma via Access Courses and the Standard Diploma via Academic and Employment-based Courses.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the Miami Daily Business Review on January 19, 2016, 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 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.

The new proposed policy and the policy to be repealed may be viewed online at:

[http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP\\_2015-2016\\_finalreading.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP_2015-2016_finalreading.pdf)

[http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015\\_Student\\_Progression\\_Plan.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015_Student_Progression_Plan.pdf)

Copies of the new document, Student Progression Plan 2015-2016, were distributed on CD for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to adopt School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2015-2016*, and authorize the Superintendent to file the policy with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida to be effective March 9, 2016.

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on January 13, 2016, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of March 9, 2016.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To repeal the *Student Progression Plan 2014-2015* and promulgate the new *Student Progression Plan 2015-2016* due to changes to this document, which include an updated format, reorganized content, and the inclusion of links to other pertinent documents. Other changes to the updated *Student Progression Plan 2015-2016* 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://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP\\_2015-2016\\_firstreading.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/SPP_2015-2016_firstreading.pdf). The document to be repealed may be viewed at: [http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015\\_Student\\_Progression\\_Plan.pdf](http://oat.dadeschools.net/docs/2014-2015_Student_Progression_Plan.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 9, 2016, 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 8, 2016, 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 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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