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Office of Academics and Transformation

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

**COMMITTEE:        ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

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

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2023-2024*. Changes in the document implement statutory amendments by the 2023 Florida Legislature. 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 2023-2024* 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 2022-2023 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2023-2024* include changes regarding student progression, assessment, graduation and required instruction as follows:

- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.25](#) procedures for transferring student records for students who transfer from school to school shall occur within five days.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.4282](#) to:
  - Remove the online course requirement for graduation for all students.
  - Modify the options for a student to complete required credits to earn a standard high school diploma. The statute provides the option to complete one credit in Career and Technical Education (CTE) to satisfy the required “one credit in fine or performing arts or speech and debate, or career and technical education.”

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- Include a course in career and technical education as an option to satisfy the “one credit in performing arts, speech and debate, or career and technical education” required for graduation.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.02](#), to require that students and parents are notified at the beginning of each school year of local career and professional academies; career-themed courses; and options to complete the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Graduation Pathway under Florida Statutes § 1003.4282(10), F.S.; work-based learning opportunities, including internships, apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship programs, foundational and soft-skill credentialing programs, and the Florida Ready to Work training and credentialing program under Florida Statutes § 445.06, F.S. In addition, students and parents must yearly be given the contact information of a certified school counselor who can advise on these options.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1001.43](#), to require that all district high schools host a career fair, starting in the 2023-2024 school year, either individually or as a collaboration between multiple high schools and/or districts. The career fair must be during the school day, held on the campus of the high school or within reasonable driving distance, cater to grades 11 and 12, and allow students to meet or interview with potential employers. The event may integrate Florida’s online career planning and work-based learning system, which, at this time, is Xello.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.4156](#), to require that students enrolled in a middle school career and education planning course must use Xello. Additional changes to the mandatory middle school career and education planning course include teaching students how to access and update their personalized academic and career plan yearly in middle and high school; how to earn an accelerated high school diploma under the CTE Graduation Pathway pursuant to s. 1003.4182(10), F.S.; and how to engage in work-based learning opportunities, such as internships, pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.4285](#), to change the title of “Merit Designation” to “Industry Scholar Designation.” There were no changes in the requirements for this designation.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.42](#), requires public schools to provide instruction on Asian American and Pacific Islander history, and for students in grades 6-12 on social, emotional, and physical effects of social media.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1008.25](#), requires any student in kindergarten through grade 4 who exhibits a substantial deficiency in mathematics or the characteristics of dyscalculia based upon screening, diagnostic, progress monitoring, or statewide assessment data; or teacher observation be provided systematic and explicit mathematics instruction to address his or her specific deficiencies through either daily targeted small group mathematics interventions or supplemental, evidenced-

based mathematics interventions before or after school, or both, delivered by a highly qualified teacher of mathematics or trained tutor. The parent of the student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in mathematics must be notified in writing.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action.

The current policy and proposed policy may be viewed online at:

Current Policy: [Board Policy 5410, 2022-2023 M-DCPS Student Progression Plan](#)

Proposed policy: [Board Policy 5410, 2023-2024 M-DCPS Initial Reading Student Progression Plan](#)

Proposed policy amendments are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Copies of the proposed policy document, *Student Progression Plan 2023-2024*, will be available 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.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*.

There is no exchange of funds.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*.

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on October 11, 2023, its intention to amend Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan*, at its meeting of November 15, 2023.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To amend the *Student Progression Plan 2022-2023*. Proposed amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2023-2024* are recommended to implement statutory amendments by the 2023 Florida Legislature and align with Florida Board of Education rules and District practices related to student progression.

**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 current policy may be viewed at: [Policy 5410, 2022-2023 M-DCPS Student Progression Plan](#). The document proposed for amendment may be viewed at: [Policy 5410, 2023-2024 M-DCPS Initial Reading Student Progression Plan](#). Proposed policy amendments are indicated by underscoring words to be added and striking through words to be deleted.

**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:** Florida Statutes § 1003.25; 1003.4282; 1003.02; 1001.43; 1003.4156; 1003.4285; 1003.42; and 1008.25.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF November 15, 2023, 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 October 16, 2023, 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.