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

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Policy 5410, *Student Progression Plan 2024-2025*. Changes in the document implement statutory amendments by the 2024 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 2024-2025* 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 2023-2024 edition of the *Student Progression Plan* are summarized on pages 1 through 7 of the document.

Highlights of amendments to the *Student Progression Plan 2024-2025* include changes regarding student progression, assessment, graduation and required instruction as follows:

- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.4321](#) to state that beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Seal of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who have met specified criteria in fine arts by having an appropriate Seal of Fine Arts (seal) affixed to the student's high school diploma.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.4156](#) to state that middle grades students transferring into Florida's public schools after the second term of grade 8 are exempt from the civics education requirement for promotion if their transcript shows completion of three social studies courses or two year-long courses that include civics education.

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- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.4282](#) to modify the requirements for a standard high school diploma. Students who complete a year of technical instruction in a registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program may now use that credit to fulfill one credit in fine arts, speech and debate, career and technical education, or as an elective.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.4935](#) to state that the district shall inform students and parents during course selection for middle school of the career and professional academy or career-themed course available within the district.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.21](#) to require that student's certified school counselor or other school personnel inform students planning to leave school about alternative education options, including adult education, high school equivalency prep, and the GATE Program under Florida Statutes § 1004.933.
- [Florida Statutes § 1004.933](#) establishes the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program, offering students aged 16 to 21 a chance to re-enroll and earn both a high school diploma or GED® and a career credential.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1003.435](#), to state that the district will notify high school equivalency diploma candidates of adult education and postsecondary options, including the GATE Program under [Florida Statutes § 1004.933](#). Candidates will also be informed of eligibility and academic requirements for each option.
- Per [Florida Statutes § 1003.42](#), beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, required instruction will include specified instruction on the history of communism which must be age and developmentally appropriate in grades K-12.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1008.25](#) to state that each district's student progression plan must include criteria and interventions for Voluntary Pre-K students with early literacy or math deficiencies. The plan must also outline retention requirements for K-2 students based on their performance in ELA and math.
- Amends [Florida Statutes § 1002.411](#) to require that when providing standardized screening and progress monitoring results, parents of eligible Pre-K through Grade 5 students be informed about how to request and receive a New Worlds scholarship, subject to available funds.

Attached is the Notice of Intended Action.

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

Current Policy: [Board Policy 5410, 2023-2024 M-DCPS Student Progression Plan](#)

Proposed policy: [Board Policy 5410, 2024-2025 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.

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*.

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*.