

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Issue for Consideration
October 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Florida Standards Assessment Cut Scores and School Accountability

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Consideration

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When new statewide standardized assessments are adopted cut scores for the achievement levels must be established. Achievement level cut scores will be set for the Florida Standards Assessment in English Language Arts in grades 3 to 10, the Florida Standards Assessment in Mathematics in grades 3 to 8, and the end-of-course assessments in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. The department received input from over 300 educators who served on panels to review the test content and recommend cut scores. In addition, the educators' recommendations were reviewed by a reactor panel composed of business people, community members, educators, post-secondary educators and superintendents. The department also held public workshops to solicit input on the achievement level cut scores. The Commissioner considered this information to arrive at her recommendations.

In addition, the process for calculating school grades will change based on statutory changes. The changes streamline the school grades calculation to make it more simple and transparent.

Supporting Documentation Included: PowerPoint presentation (to be added later)

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