



### **Statewide Email**

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**SUBJECT:** Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency

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In May 2020, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Civic Literacy Competency, which added the Florida Civic Literacy Test to the approved assessments students could use to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. In June 2020, the department received a rule challenge, and subsequently ceased implementation of the Florida Civic Literacy Test while we responded to the rule challenge.

After careful review and consultation with our general counsel, the department has made a decision to withdraw the rule amendment from the Florida Administrative Code. This withdrawal means that Florida College System students are not permitted to use the Florida Civic Literacy Test to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. This withdrawal does not invalidate the [existing rule](#).

Students may continue to demonstrate civic literacy competency through the successful completion of a course (POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877) or by achieving a passing score on the assessments identified in the rule: AP Government and Politics: United States; AP United States History; or CLEP: American Government.

The department remains committed to identifying a low-cost assessment option for students to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency.

Sincerely,

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