

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
July 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0951, The Hope Scholarship Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.40, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed amendment will implement a reporting system for the notice provided to parents of the availability of a Hope Scholarship. The Hope Scholarship Program provides parents with the opportunity to transfer his or her student to another school within the district, another school outside of the district or to a private school based upon bullying or other qualifying incident. The rule will require school districts to report the following information:

- For each substantiated and unsubstantiated incident listed in section 1002.40(3), F.S., the number of Hope Scholarship Notification Forms provided to parents.

Additionally, the notice provided to parents has been revised to include the reporting requirement, to clarify that both substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents can form the basis for a Hope Scholarship and to include additional information for parents and school principals.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0951, F.A.C., Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1)

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