

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
July 13, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Rule 6A-6.0532, New Worlds Reading Initiative

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.485(5), F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The New Worlds Reading Initiative is established under the department to improve literacy skills and instill a love of reading by providing high-quality, free books to students in kindergarten through grade 5 who are reading below grade level. Beginning September 30, 2022, and annually thereafter, the department must report on its website the number of students participating in the initiative in each school district, information from the annual financial report, and the academic achievement and learning gains, as applicable, of participating students based on data provided by school districts as permitted under s. 1002.22, F.S. The rule will establish the data to be collected from the school districts and the date school districts and the administrator must annually provide the data to the department to effectively complete the required report by the deadline established.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-6.0532, F.A.C.

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