

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
July 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.099822, School Improvement Rating for Alternative Schools

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02, 1003.51(2)(p), 1008.34, 1008.341(6), Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

School improvement ratings are calculated annually for alternative schools and exceptional student education (ESE) center schools that elect to receive a school improvement rating in lieu of a school grade, as defined in Rules 6A-1.099822 and 6A-1.099828, F.A.C., under the authority of sections (ss.) 1008.34, 1008.341, and 1008.3415, F.S. Alternative schools and ESE center schools that elect to receive a school improvement rating are evaluated based on up to two (2) components: English language arts (ELA) learning gains and mathematics learning gains. Schools may receive a rating of Commendable, Maintaining, or Unsatisfactory, and they must test at least 80 percent of their eligible student population to generate a rating.

The proposed amendments to the rule will incorporate juvenile justice detention, prevention, and day treatment programs as schools evaluated under the school improvement ratings model. In the 2024 legislative session, House Bill 1425 amended s. 1003.52, F.S., to eliminate the current Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) accountability ratings system and require that educational services provided at juvenile justice detention, prevention and day treatment programs be evaluated under the school improvement ratings model. DJJ residential programs previously evaluated under the DJJ accountability ratings system will be evaluated under an accountability model developed by the DJJ for the Florida Scholars Academy under s. 985.619, F.S. Additionally, the proposed amendments include technical changes to existing rule references.

DJJ education programs and districts will be primarily affected by the proposed amendments which will satisfy new requirements in s. 1003.52, F.S.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-1.099822, F.A.C.

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