## 2014-15 Policy 6000.1 Chart of Substantive Changes

| Short Name | Recommended Change/Addition/Deletion | Rationale | Authority | Page(s) |
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| **BCPS Changes** | | | | |
| LMS | Deletion of the Life Management Skills (LMS) local graduation requirement. | The Life Management Skills (LMS) course is a locally imposed graduation requirement that is in addition to the State's Personal Fitness graduation requirement. The standards of this course are redundant to other course requirements and elimination allows for greater application of PE graduation requirement waivers for State-eligible students and flexibility in student course selection. | Local | 26, 55, 58, 60, 62, 69-72 |
| Middle School - Promotion Criteria | Addition of omitted middle school promotion criteria from grades 6 to 7 and 7 to 8. | Scribner's error deleted promotion criteria from 2013-14 policy. | Local | 20 |
| Middle School - Final Course Grade Criteria | Addition of omitted final course grade criteria for passing a middle school course. | Scribner's error deleted promotion criteria from 2013-14 policy. | Local | 20 |
| Elementary School - Recommended Minimum Instructional Times | Addition of recommended, minimum instructional times for elementary school subject areas. | Provide recommended minimal instructional times for various subject areas not already required by statute. Teachers are encouraged to provide interdisciplinary instruction. | Local | 2, 3 |
| Elementary School - Promotion Criteria | Change promotion criteria for grades K-5. | Revise elementary promotion criteria to align with statute and/or committee recommendations for increasing rigor. | Local | 6-11, 47-54 |
| Generic Assessment Titles – State | Change State-required assessment titles to "State Required Assessment", when applicable. | The Florida Standardized Assessment Program frequently changes assessment titles and criteria, which requires a full revision of Policy 6000.1. Policy will reflect generic references to statutorily required assessments and the Procedural Manual will contain specific assessment titles and criteria. | Local | Throughout Document |

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| Generic Assessment Titles – District | Change locally required assessment titles to "District Approved Assessments", when applicable. | Local assessment titles and criteria frequently change, which requires a full revision of Policy 6000.1. Policy will reflect generic references to locally approved assessments and the Procedural Manual will contain specific assessment titles and criteria. | Local | Throughout Document |
| State EOC Grading Formula | Change the final grade calculation for classes with a State End-of-Course (EOC) exam. | The EOC will eliminate the Final Exam as both assessments are redundant. The Mid-Term Exam will count as 10% of the student's final course grade. These changes will reduce the weight of required assessments by 7.5% of the overall grade. | Local | 35 |
| Graduation Recognitions | Addition of Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors graduation recognitions. | The three-tiered Honors recognitions will replace the Gold Cord. The recognition of Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors will be awarded to students who attain a class rank of 10% or 3.75 GPA, 5% or 4.25 GPA and 2% or 4.75 GPA, respectively. | Local | 43 |
| Gold Cord | Deletion of the Gold Cord graduation recognition | The Gold Cord will be replaced by the addition of the three-tiered Honors system for students entering 9th grade in 2014-15 and thereafter. | Local | 43 |
| Middle School - Exam Exemptions | Addition of Exam Exemptions for middle school students taking high school courses. | Middle school students will have the opportunity to exempt exams for eligible high school courses. | Local | 24 |
| **State Changes** | | | | |
| ACCEL | Addition of 18-credit, ACCEL graduation option and requirements. | The 18-Credit ACCEL graduation option replaced the 18-Credit College and 18-Credit Career Preparatory Options. | F.S. 1002.3105(5) | 40, 57, 59, 61, 63 |
| Middle School Algebra 1 EOC is now 30% | Change Algebra 1 EOC requirements for middle grades students. | The revision to statute aligns application of the Algebra 1 End of-course (EOC) exam requirements for middle and high school students. The Algebra 1 EOC will now count as 30% of the student's final course grade. In addition, students must pass the Algebra 1 EOC for high school graduation. | F.S. 1003.4156(1)(b) | 20 |

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| Middle School - Civics Transfers | Addition of Civics requirement exemptions for transfer student. | A middle grades student who transfers into the state's public school system from out of country, out of state, a private school, or a home education program after the beginning of the second term of grade 8 is not required to meet the civics education requirement for promotion from the middle grades if the student's transcript documents passage of three courses in social studies or two year-long courses in social studies that include coverage of civics education. | F.S. 1003.4156(1)(c) | 20 |
| Uniform Transfer of High School Credits | Change to allow for acceptance of transfer credits for State EOC courses. | If a transfer student's transcript shows a final course grade and course credit in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1, or United States History, the transferring course final grade and credit shall be honored without the student taking the requisite statewide, standardized EOC assessment and with the assessment results constituting 30 percent of the student's final course grade. | F.S. 1003.428(8) | 31 |
| Industry Certification Substitutions | Addition of Math or Science graduation requirement substitutions for students earning industry certifications that lead to college credit. | A student who earns an industry certification that leads to college credit may substitute the certification for one mathematics credit. Substitution may occur for up to two mathematics credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry, or one credit in Science, except for Biology 1. | F.S. 1003.4282(3)(b) and (c) | 41 |
| Certificate of Completion | Change Certificate of Completion requirements. | A student who earns the required 24 credits, or the required 18 credits under s. 1008.22(3) or achieve a 2.0 GPA shall be awarded a certificate of completion. However, a student who is otherwise entitled to a certificate of completion may elect to remain in high school either as a full-time student or part-time student for up to 1 additional year and receive special instruction designed to remedy his or her identified deficiencies. | F.S. 1003.4282(7)(c) | 41, 44 |
| Diploma Designation Requirements - Geometry | Change Scholar and Merit Diploma Designation eligibility criteria to include passing the Geometry end-of-course exam. | Students entering 9th grade in 2014-2015 will be required to pass the Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) exam. | F.S. 1003.4285(1)(a)(2) | 42-43, 56, 59, 61-62, 69-72 |

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| Diploma Designation Requirements - AP, IB and AICE | Change Scholar and Merit Diploma Designation criteria to allow passing the AP, IB or AICE exams to count for the respective subject area EOC requirement. | AP, IB and AICE exams may satisfy the End-of Course exam requirements for the respective subject area. | F.S. 1003.4285(1)(a)(3) and (4) | 56, 59, 61-62 |
| Elimination of Double Testing | Elimination of Florida Standards Assessment requirements for middle school students taking high school courses with a State end-of-course (EOC) exam in the respective subject area. | Students taking the Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology or US History EOC will not be required to take the respective Florida Standards Assessment in that subject area. | F.S. 1008.22(3)(b)(1) | 19 |
| IEP Waiver Limitations | Addition of a statement limiting the application of an IEP waiver to earning a course grade or standard high school diploma | The IEP Waiver will be applicable for receiving a course grade or standard high school diploma, but not a Diploma Designation. | F.S. 1008.22(3)(c)(2) | 41 |
| Computer Science Substitution | Addition of mathematics or Science course substitutions for students completing an eligible computer science course and industry certification. | One credit in computer science and the earning of related industry certifications constitute the equivalent of up to one credit in the mathematics requirement, with the exception of Algebra 1 or higher-level mathematics, or up to one credit of the science requirement, with the exception of Biology 1 or higher-level science for high school graduation. | F.S. 1007.2616(3)(a) | 41 |
| Required Instruction | Addition of required instructional content. | Specifying the required instructional content that is integrated into coursework across grades K-12. | F.S. 1003.42 | 3, 17, 27-28 |
| ELL Assessment Accommodations | Addition of assessment accommodation for ELL students. | Clarifying that ELL students are entitled to assessment accommodations to overcome language barriers | 6A-6.09091 | 6, 19, 29 |
| Graduation Charts | Change graduation charts for standard, adult and special diplomas. | Revise graduation requirement charts for standard, adult and special diplomas to align with current local and state requirements. | F.S. 1003.428 | 55-74 |
| Grade Forgiveness | Change rules for High School Grade Forgiveness. | Scribner's error edited State Board of Education Rule for grade forgiveness in middle school and high school courses | F.S. 1003.4282(6) | 24, 36 |

| Level 3 Courses | Change Level 3 courses that lead to industry certification to count as Honors. | For the purpose of calculating grade point average, a grade in a course that is level 3 or above and leads to an industry certification must be weighted the same as a grade in an Honors course. | F.S. 1003.4203(6) | 36 |
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| Level 1 Courses | Change Level 1 courses to only apply toward the Special Diploma, beginning in 2013-14 and thereafter. | Level 1 courses may only be applied towards the Special Diploma, not the Standard High School Diploma. | Florida Course Code Directory, Section 1, page 52 | 42 |