

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
April 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-5.0411, Calculations of Student Learning Growth for Use in School Personnel Evaluations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.34, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1012.34, F.S., requires the Commissioner of Education to approve student learning growth models for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Section 1012.34, F.S., also requires that school districts implement personnel evaluations that are based on several criteria, one of which is the performance of each educator's students. The approved student learning growth models are value-added models (VAMs) that provide districts an option for use in their local evaluation systems, and are also used by the Department and State Board in a number of ways. This rule incorporates the "Florida VAM Course List," which lists the courses that are used in the calculation. If a teacher teaches any of these courses, and has at least two students enrolled in the same course who tested on the corresponding statewide, standardized assessment, the teacher will receive a VAM score for the subject associated with the course.

The course list identified in the "Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments," adopted and incorporated in Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C., is amended on an annual basis and is also being amended at the April State Board meeting. The "Florida VAM Course List" must be updated to align with the Course Code Directory. The proposed amendment adds courses that are new for the 2026-27 school year and updates course names that have changed since the list was adopted in 2023-24. Ultimately, the new course list will contain the 2026-27 VAM courses that will be used to compute teacher scores for the 2026-27 school year. The Course Code Directory will be reviewed annually to determine if the VAM Course List needs to be updated for subsequent years. Additionally, the proposed rule amends rule reference information that has been updated since the rule was last amended in 2024.

Teachers, schools and districts will be primarily affected by this rule amendment, which will align the VAM course list with the courses and course codes utilized by districts.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-5.0411, F.A.C.

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