

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Update
April 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on Conditions Placed on the Approval of Hendry County School District's Turnaround Option Plan (TOP) for Digital Academy of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

School districts must submit a TOP for State Board approval for any school earning two consecutive 'D' grades or a single 'F,' choosing from the four TOP types as outlined in Rule 6A-1.099811(7)(b), F.A.C.

Hendry County presented their TOP-1 District-Managed Turnaround for Digital Academy of Florida in September 2025. The Board approved the Hendry TOP-1 District-Managed Turnaround for Digital Academy of Florida with the following conditions:

1. Hendry County Schools will appoint a principal who is a district employee to oversee the Digital Academy of Florida.
2. The Superintendent will provide a report to the State Board following Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2) on student achievement results.

The State Board approved the TOP-2 District-Managed Turnaround Plan in November of 2025, which reflected planning for the conditions required by the State Board in September.

If the Department does not find the progress to be sufficient after Progress Monitoring 2 (PM2), Hendry County Schools will need to begin identifying a new virtual provider for the 2026-27 school year.

Superintendent Michael Swindle will provide an update to the Board on the conditions that are currently being implemented by Hendry County School District.

Supporting Documentation Included: N/A

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