

Proposed Florida Department of Education (FDOE)

Concordant and Comparative Scores for Graduation Assessment Requirements



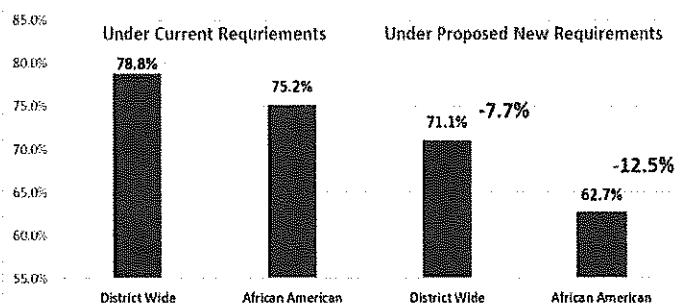
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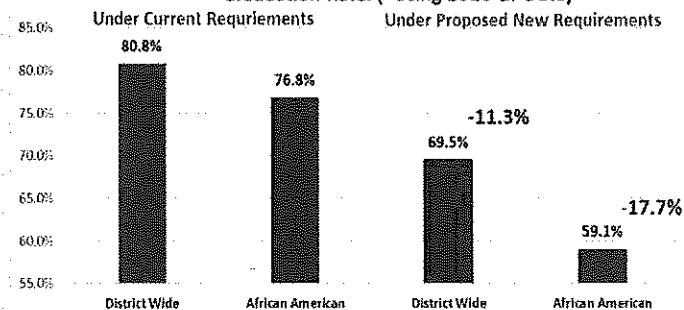
Public comments can be made at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/> until the State Board of Education Meeting. The date for that meeting has not yet been determined.

		Current Graduation Requirements		Proposed New Graduation Requirements			
ELA Graduation Requirement Algebra 1 Graduation Requirement		ACT Reading (only)>= 19		Average of ACT Reading and English (both) >= 18			
		SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing >= 430 or Reading Subtest >= 24		SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing >= 480			
		PERT >= 97		ACT Math >= 16			
				SAT Math >= 420			
School Number/Name		2015-16 Graduation Rate			2016-17 Graduation Rate		
		Old Rule	Proposed Rule	Change	Old Rule	Proposed Rule	Change
2601	MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL	95.1%	91.0%	-4.1%	94.6%	86.7%	-7.8%

Impact of Proposed New Graduation Requirements on Graduation Rate: (*Using 2015-16 Data)



Impact of Proposed New Graduation Requirements On Graduation Rate: (*Using 2016-17 Data)



Impact of Proposed Changes to Concordant and Comparative Scores

- When applying the proposed changes to the 2016-17 graduation data, Duval County would have had 1393 non-graduates, 1193 certificates of completion, and 850 fewer graduates. When using the 2015-16 data, there would have been 1428 non-graduates, 952 certificates of completion, and 640 fewer graduates.
- The ACT and SAT assessments cost \$60 (SAT) and \$62.50 (ACT) for all assessments, including writing. Some students may qualify for test waivers, but may need to pay for additional administrations if the waivers are exhausted. Other students would have to pay out of pocket for all administrations. Students who are enrolled in a district which can not incur the cost of administering the SAT/ACT or whose parents/guardians are unable to provide the funds will be at a significant disadvantage.
- Those students who will now earn a Certificate of Completion, in lieu of a diploma, will:
 - Have limited enrollment opportunities to state/community colleges
 - Be ineligible for state and federal financial aid
 - Be ineligible to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces
 - Have limitations on career opportunities that require a high school diploma for licensure or certification
- According to the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Labor, high school graduates currently on average earn \$712 each week, earning over \$1 million dollars in a thirty-year period. Non-high school graduates on the other hand, earn \$520 each week, making about \$300,000 dollars less than high school graduates in the workforce for thirty years.
- The new proposal eliminates the usage of the PERT as a comparative score. This is currently the most cost effective alternative assessment available. Through a current contract, DCPS pays 94 cents for each PERT test. With the elimination of the PERT, students would have to pay \$60 or more to take the ACT or SAT exam to achieve a concordant score.
- Students who use public dollars through FDOE K-12 scholarship programs to attend a private school, such as Step Up for Students, would receive their high school diploma without being held to these new testing requirements for public and charter school students.

Community Members,

The Florida Department of Education is proposing to change the current concordant scores required for students to obtain a standard high school diploma. Currently, students are allowed to graduate using alternative scores for the required State ELA assessment through ACT and SAT, and Algebra 1 End of Course exam requirement through PERT Math. Students will be required to earn higher scores on the ACT and SAT in order to receive their standard diploma and students will no longer be able to use the PERT Math assessment in place of the Algebra 1 End of Course exam (EOC).

Below you will find a chart, which summarizes the proposed changes to concordant scores.

	Current Graduation Requirements	Proposed New Graduation Requirements
ELA Graduation Requirement	ACT Reading (only) ≥ 19	Average of ACT Reading and English (both) ≥ 18
	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing ≥ 430 or Reading Subtest ≥ 24	SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing ≥ 480
Algebra 1 Graduation Requirement	PERT ≥ 97	ACT Math ≥ 16
		SAT Math ≥ 420

Impact of the proposed changes include the following:

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- Students who exit with a Certificate of Completions, in lieu of a diploma, will:
 - Have **limited** enrollment opportunities to state/community colleges,
 - Be **ineligible** for state and federal financial aid,
 - Be **ineligible** to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces and
 - Have **limitations** on career opportunities that require a high school diploma for licensure or certification
- According to the U.S. Department of Labor, high school graduates currently on average earn \$712 each week, earning over \$1 million dollars in a thirty-year period. Non-high school graduates, including those earning a COC, on the other hand, earn \$520 each week, making about \$200,000 dollars less than high school graduates in the workforce for thirty years.

These proposed changes will be taken before the Board of Education in May. If approved, the proposed changes will be adopted in June 2018, and will roll into effect on August 1, 2018. This means that students who will be seniors next school year, who do not already have a concordant score to date, will have to meet these new requirements.

Although the Florida Department of Education can be reached via telephone at (850) 245-0505, I encourage you to submit your comments or concerns electronically at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> until the State Board of Education Meeting in May. Proposed changes are reflected in Rule 6A-1.09422.

These proposed changes will directly impact our students, our school and district. Thank you for your continued support.

Educationally Yours,