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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.
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DATE: June 7, 2006

SUBJECT: WEIGHTING OF DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

As part of the recently passed A++ bill that was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush, districts are now required to weigh dual enrollment courses the same as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certification of Education when grade point averages are calculated. Specifically, Section 1007.271, F.S., Dual enrollment programs, states:

- (5)...District school boards shall annually assess the demand for dual enrollment and other advanced courses, and the district school board shall consider strategies and programs to meet that demand and include access to dual enrollment on the high school campus whenever possible. Alternative grade calculation, weighting systems, or information regarding student education options which discriminates against dual enrollment courses are prohibited.
- (16) Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2006-2007 school year, school districts and community colleges must weigh dual enrollment courses the same as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certification of Education courses when grade point averages are calculated. Alternative grade calculation or weighting systems that discriminate against dual enrollment courses are prohibited.

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District School Boards will continue to determine whether honors courses are to be weighted courses and, if so, the degree of weight for grade point average calculations. These changes do not apply to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve previous to the 2006-2007 school year. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the K-12 Student Achievement Office at (850) 245-0509 or SunCom 205-0509.

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