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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
FROM: Pam Stewart
DATE: December 16, 2011
SUBJECT: **Mathematics and English Language Arts College Success, Readiness, and Prep Course Enrollments**

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As previously communicated in a memorandum to Public School Superintendents, entitled *House Bill 1255 Provisions Relating to Postsecondary Preparation for High School Students*, and dated June 20, 2011:

The changes in House Bill 1255 become effective July 1, 2011. It is expected that students be provided postsecondary preparatory opportunities in 2011-12, and courses aligned with the *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* should be offered in all high schools by 2012-13. The *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* are anticipated to be approved and established in State Board rule by fall 2011. Regardless of postsecondary preparatory requirements, students must also meet all other high school graduation requirements. The purpose of the postsecondary preparation instruction is to prepare students for entry level college credit courses as well as gainful employment.

In order to facilitate district implementation, the following College Success, Readiness, and Prep courses have been revised to align with the *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* and *Common Core State Standards*.

Reading for College Success (1008350)
Writing for College Success (1009370)
English 4: Florida College Prep (1001405)

Mathematics for College Success (1200410)
Mathematics for College Readiness (1200700)

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The attached course descriptions are in *draft*, and we anticipate their approval by the State Board of Education at its February 2012 meeting. The draft course descriptions include the *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* and aligned *Common Core State Standards*. Educators are encouraged to utilize these new course requirements and *Attachments A and B* to guide student enrollment for 2012-13.

Additionally, *Attachments A and B* provide **recommended** score ranges for placement into the courses identified above. These recommendations are based on the State Board of Education established “college ready” scores for the ACT, SAT and CPT (also referred to as the Accuplacer) included in [Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C.](#) *Attachments A and B* also include the appropriate scores for the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.) anticipated for State Board approval. Grade 11 students who scored in Levels 2 or 3 of the reading portion of the FCAT 2.0 assessment or in Levels 2, 3, or 4 of the mathematics portion of the FCAT 2.0 assessment are required to take a college placement test. ACT, SAT, CPT and P.E.R.T. are all approved for this purpose. Students scoring **below** the “college ready” score **must** complete postsecondary preparatory instruction aligned with the *Postsecondary Readiness Competencies* during their senior year. All of the College Success, Readiness, and Prep courses listed above will satisfy the postsecondary preparatory instruction requirement, and the Readiness and Prep courses have been approved by the National Collegiate Association of Athletes (NCAA). Students who enroll in Mathematics for College Success, Reading for College Success, and Writing for College Success may not earn core academic credit to satisfy graduation requirements. In addition, these courses may not be approved by the NCAA, Bright Futures Scholarships, and the State University System for eligibility or admissions purposes.

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