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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida School District Superintendents, SUS College of Education Deans, Educator Preparation Institute Directors and Coordinators, and Florida School Districts Staff Development Directors

FROM: Gerard Robinson, Commissioner of Education

DATE: January 27, 2012

SUBJECT: *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Sixteenth Edition and Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Seventeenth Edition*

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the electronic publication of two editions of the *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida* and the effective dates of those editions. The Department of Education (the Department) proactively conducts revision activities for the competencies and skills that form the content of all Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) subject areas. This is especially true for subject areas where significant changes in the field have taken place, new education standards have been adopted, or significant time has elapsed since a review and revision was conducted.

A paperless memorandum was issued on September 27, 2011, announcing the administration of two revised examinations effective January 1, 2012. This memorandum may be accessed at <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6193/12ftce.pdf>. The two subject areas are **Health K–12** and **Physical Education K–12**. As of January 1, 2012, the *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Sixteenth Edition* became the edition containing the competencies and skills that are currently being assessed by the various FTCE subject areas. The full document, as well as individual subject area competencies and skills, can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp#Sixteenth>.

On October 18, 2011, the State Board of Education reviewed and approved revised competencies and skills for four subject areas with an amendment to Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Administrative Code. The four subject areas are

- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K–12,**
- **Mathematics 6–12,**
- **Middle Grades Mathematics 5–9, and**
- **Professional Education.**

Additionally, on December 19, 2011, the competencies and skills for these four subject areas were posted to the Department's website at <http://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftcecomp.asp#seventeenth>. The *Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Seventeenth Edition*, which incorporates the changes to the four subject areas, was posted to the Department's website on January 19, 2012.

New examinations for ESOL K–12 and Professional Education will be administered beginning January 1, 2013. New examinations for Mathematics 6–12 and Middle Grades Mathematics will be administered July 1, 2013.

Test information guides, test registration services and information on other related topics may be found at <http://www.fl.nesinc.com/index.asp>.

I encourage you to distribute the above links and information to the appropriate school district and faculty members. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Canto at Phil.Canto@fldoe.org or (850) 245-0513.

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