

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
April 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.081, Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n) and 1012.795(1)(j), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession exist to provide ethical guidelines for Florida Educators to practice and be held accountable for, if there is a violation of the principles. The Commissioner may pursue disciplinary action against the license of an educator who violates the principles. This amendment prohibits classroom instruction to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 3 on sexual orientation or gender identity. For grades 4 through 12, instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity is prohibited unless such instruction is either expressly required by state academic standards as adopted in Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., or is part of a reproductive health course or health lesson for which a student's parent has the option to have his or her student not attend.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-10.081, F.A.C.

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