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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg

**DATE:** April 10, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Update on Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® (FCAT) Concordant Scores for Meeting High School Graduation Requirements

In October, the Department issued a memorandum summarizing the current policies related to the use of concordant scores for the FCAT in meeting high school graduation requirements. The information was provided in response to the amendments to Section 1008.22(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.), approved by the 2006 Legislature, allowing for the use of concordant scores without limiting the implementation to a specific school year. In addition to outlining the current policies, we also provided information on the Department's planned study of the impact of the new SAT (first administered March 2005) on the current concordant scores.

The Department has completed the concordance study of the new SAT and has found that the current concordant scores continue to be acceptable alternatives to the Grade 10 FCAT passing score requirements. Therefore, the concordant scores found in Table 1 will continue to serve as the required scores on the approved alternative assessments. As a reminder, students may satisfy the passing score requirements using various combinations of tests.

Table 1: FCAT Concordant Scores			
Reading		Mathematics	
FCAT	1926	FCAT	1889
SAT	410	SAT	370
ACT	15	ACT	15

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Decisions regarding the use of concordant scores in meeting graduation requirements and student progression requirements involve both state and local policies, and should continue to be followed as described in the October 30, 2006, memorandum. For a copy of the memorandum, please see [http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-4059/fcat\\_highschlrq.pdf](http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-4059/fcat_highschlrq.pdf)

Please feel free to contact Sharon Koon, Assessment and School Performance, [Sharon.Koon@fldoe.org](mailto:Sharon.Koon@fldoe.org), with your questions.

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