

The Legislature has passed SB 1908 which now contains the following provisions:

--changes the FCAT grading system so that, **as of 2009-10**, the test score will count for half a school's grade and the remainder of the grade will be based on other factors;

--requires the Department of Education to update and revise the Sunshine State Standards so they become the "Enhanced" Sunshine Standards;

--codifies the Teacher Lead Program (Dollars distributed to each teacher to use for classroom supplies)

--changes ---slightly --- the criteria for the School Recognition Program awards which have been reduced to \$95 per student;

--stipulates teachers of foreign languages be required to pass subject area examinations where they are available, or another national exam if there is no appropriate specific examination available for that language.

SB 1908 has implications for Curriculum and Human Resources and staff should review the final bill so when the Department of Education sends out implementation memos it will be prepared.

These issues have been sent to staff as separate bills throughout the session. They now have been combined into a single bill (attached) and are on their way to the Governor's desk for his signature.