

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-02
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative
DATE:	October 11, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Beaufort County School District's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Program Grades 6–8

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this waiver request is to allow a small group of exceptional sixth grade students to earn units of ninth grade or higher work for high school credit.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-232 states that, "When approved by the principal and the parents, a student promoted to the seventh or eighth grade may take units of ninth grade or higher work for high school credit."

Three sixth grade students at Lady's Island Middle School (LIMS) have made exceptional growth in mathematics. Each has scored *Exemplary* on the PASS Test, *Exceeds Expectations* on SC READY, and beyond the 90th percentile on each MAP Test.

The students have recommendations from their principal, school counselor, math coach, and classroom teacher to be placed into Algebra I to meet their unique academic needs.

The School Renewal Plan for LIMS's, Standard 3, Goals 1 and 12 utilizes data to make curricular and instructional choices to support challenging learning experiences for all students. The waiver is necessary so the initiatives outlined in the School Renewal Plan are not inhibited.

If approved, the waiver would be valid through the current (2016–17) school year; however, the waiver may be renewed each year after reporting the progress of the students to the SBE.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- September 12, 2016 South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) received the waiver request from the District.

- Before August 15, 2017

The District will report to the SBE on the progress of LIMS's 6th grade students and their End-of-Course Algebra I results.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A

FUND/SOURCE: _____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: yes no

(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments:

Beaufort County School District's Waiver Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends that the SBE waive the provision in R.43-232 for the District which allows seventh or eighth grade students to take units of ninth grade or higher work for high school credit, and extend this opportunity to a small group of exceptional sixth grade students at LMIS.

The District must report the progress and EOC scores of the 6th grade students to the SBE before August 15, 2017.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: