

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Board of Education ("Board"), pursuant to the authority generally set forth in D.C. Code, 2001 Edition, Section 38-101, et seq., and specifically provided in D.C. Code, 2001 Edition, Section 38-102(c) (relating to establishment of guidelines and goals for academic achievement), hereby gives notice of emergency and proposed rulemaking action taken by the Board at its meeting held on March 7, 2005, to amend Chapters 38 of the Board Rules, Title 5 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations regarding State Education Agency Functions of the Board of Education. The proposed changes would establish District-wide standards for knowledge and achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 that attend public school in the District of Columbia, including public charter schools.

Emergency rulemaking is necessary because the implementation process for the new standards, including professional and curriculum development, must begin immediately to ensure that all District of Columbia students receive full benefit in school year 2005-2006.

The emergency rulemaking took effect following approval by the Board at its meeting of March 7, 2005. The emergency rulemaking shall expire within 120 days of March 7, 2005, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Board also gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the proposed rulemaking in not less than thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

New Sections 3805 and 3806 are added as follows:

**3805 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STANDARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

3805.1 The "District of Columbia English Language Arts Pre-K Through Grade 12 Standards" are adopted for use by all public schools in the District of Columbia. The Standards shall be made available to the public:

- (a) Upon request to the District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Academic Services;
- (b) Through the distribution of copies to each DC public school facility; and
- (c) By posting of the Standards on the District of Columbia Public Schools web page, www.k12.dc.us.

3805.2 The State Education Officer shall develop appropriate directives to execute his responsibilities under this section.

**3806 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STANDARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN MATHEMATICS**

3806.1 The "District of Columbia Mathematics Pre-K Through Grade 12 Standards" are adopted for use by all public schools in the District of Columbia. The Standards shall be made available to the public:

- (a) Upon request to the District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Academic Services;
- (b) Through the distribution of copies to each DC Public School facility;
and
- (c) By posting on the District of Columbia Public Schools web page,
www.k12.dc.us.

3806.2 The State Education Officer shall develop appropriate directives to execute his responsibilities under this section.

Written comments on the proposed rulemaking are invited from interested citizens. Such comments should be addressed to Mr. Russell Smith, Executive Secretary, D.C. Board of Education 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 9108, Washington, D.C. 20002. Copies of this rulemaking are available from the Office of the Board of Education by calling (202) 442-4289.