GENERAL STATEMENT

Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.030 requires that students graduating with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree must meet the following provisions in the areas of college-level Communication and Computation skills.

THE POLICY and THE STUDENT

Prior to receipt of an Associate of Arts degree from a public Florida College System institution or university or prior to entry into the upper division of a public university or college, a student shall successfully complete the following:

- Six semester hours of English coursework and six semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments.
- Six semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher through multiple assignments.
- The College will designate courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. These course designations shall be submitted to the Statewide Course Numbering System.
- Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., and students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through one or more of the acceleration mechanisms in Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements in subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., to the extent of the college credit awarded.
- Students must meet the award and graduation requirements pursuant to Policy 6Hx2-4.22.
- A list of writing credit courses will be provided to students via degree audits, academic program sheets, or other documents.

THE POLICY and THE STAFF

The faculty members will provide communication and computational assessments based on the following:

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• Develop writing assignments that require original student academic writing emphasizing formal multi-paragraph compositions such as exam responses, reading/textual responses, position papers, or documented research essays.

• Develop writing assignments that require student writing to be about a subject and of a purpose related to the course’s learning outcomes that demonstrates critical thinking through analysis, argument, synthesis, or evaluation.

• Assess student writing on criteria relevant to the discipline such as content, structure, and grammar.

• Integrate writing in a way that makes it a significant factor in the overall grade for the course.

IMPLEMENTATION and OVERSIGHT

The Office of Strategy, Assessment, and Research will provide a review of communication and computational skills pursuant of Procedure 6Hx2-4.32.

DEFINITION

Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.) -- A program of study equivalent to those offered to freshman and sophomore students in the lower division of Florida’s state universities. The degree requirements include 36 credits hours of General Education requirements that parallel university requirements and electives in preparation for a program of study.