

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: I.

Date: January 10, 2007

Topic: First Review of Recommended Cut Scores for the SAT I Writing Test When Used as a Substitute Test for the Standards of Learning End-of-Course English: Writing Test

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Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by
 State or federal law or regulation
 Board of Education regulation
 Other: _____

Action requested at this meeting Action requested at future meeting: _____ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action
 Previous review/action
date _____
action _____

Background Information:

The *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools* allow the Virginia Board of Education to approve substitute assessments for the Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course tests. Chesterfield County has nominated the SAT I Writing test as a substitute for the SOL English Writing Test. In compliance with procedures established by the Virginia Board of Education for the approval of substitute tests, staff in the Division of Instruction at the Virginia Department of Education reviewed the SAT I Writing test and determined that the content assessed met or exceeded that measured by the SOL end-of-course English: Writing test. Following this review staff in the Division of Assessment and Reporting reviewed the technical quality of the assessment, and in December 2006 a committee of Virginia educators was convened to recommend scores on the SAT I Writing test that would be equivalent to scores of pass/proficient and pass/advanced on the end-of-course English: Writing test.

Summary of Major Elements

Information about the range of cut scores recommended by the committees for the SAT I Writing test will be presented to the Board. The Board is asked to review this information and to adopt cut scores for the *SAT I Writing* test when used as a substitute for the end-of-course English: Writing test.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board waive first review and adopt cut scores for SAT I Writing test when used as a substitute for the end-of-course English: Writing test.

Impact on Resources:

N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

N/A