

State Board of Education

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Manny Diaz, Jr.
Commissioner of Education

Dear Superintendents,

Thank you for continuing to meet and make plans to ensure students are able to receive college credit in Psychology for the 2023-2024 school year. I am grateful for your focus to provide high quality educational experiences for our Florida students.

As Commissioner of Education, I tasked my team with reviewing the AP Psychology framework at length. I believe I was clear in my previous letter, but I want to make sure there is no room for misinterpretation. It is the Department of Education's stance that the learning target, 6.P "Describe how sex and gender influence socialization and other aspects of development," within Topic 6.7, can be taught consistent with Florida law. In addition, other college-credit providers such as AICE and IB have confirmed they will be offering the psychology course this school year. Please confirm whether Florida students and their parents may expect you to provide the AP Psychology course that remains on Florida's course code directory.

We hope this provides additional clarity as you embark on the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you,

Manny Diaz, Jr.