Provide administrators with updated information regarding the P.E.R.T. Reading and Writing Test guidelines and implementation procedures.

- The information in this weekly briefing is a follow-up to weekly briefing # 11224.
- During the 2011 legislative session, Section 1008.30(4)(a) Florida Statutes, was revised as a result of the passing of House Bill 1255 to expand college placement testing requiring high schools to:
  - Administer placement tests to students scoring at Levels 2 and 3 on the 10th grade FCAT Reading.
  - Provide postsecondary preparatory instruction for students who do not meet or exceed the approved test scores.
- The placement test that was given to eligible high school students is the Post Secondary Education Readiness Test (P.E.R.T.).
- If students have ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores that meet the required cut scores, they may be used in place of the P.E.R.T.
- The chart below provides additional information on college ready cut scores:

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- High Schools are required to provide college preparatory instruction for Grade 12 students who have been identified as deficient in basic competencies in reading or writing, as determined by scores on the P.E.R.T. The college preparatory instruction must mirror the competencies of the approved Florida Department of Education course description.
- The full year course available to students is listed below and will satisfy the 4th year requirement for Language Arts:
  - 100140501- English IV: Florida College Prep will satisfy one of the four credits required in English
- Students are required to take the full year English IV College Prep class if they do not meet the cut score requirement on either the reading or writing section of the P.E.R.T. (examples below):
  - A student who meets the reading requirement but does not meet the writing requirement must be enrolled in the class
  - A student who meets the writing requirement but does not meet the reading requirement must be enrolled in the class
  - A student who does not meet either the reading or writing requirement must be enrolled in the class
- Teachers teaching the English IV College Prep class must be certified in English.
- Course curriculum materials for the English IV College Prep class will include:
  - McDougal Littell Literature Book- Grade 12
• Revised English IV pacing guides that reflect the Common Core State Standards
• Grade 12 exemplar lessons incorporating complex texts

● Professional development will be provided to teachers assigned to teach the English IV College Prep class.
● Grade 12 students who have not met the graduation requirement, as determined by the FCAT Reading, must also be enrolled in the Reading Retakers class (course code: 1000410RT) in addition to the English IV College Prep class.
● When scheduling ELL students who have not met the P.E.R.T. score requirement, schools should adhere to the following guidelines:
  o The English IV College Prep class must be scheduled in place of the English 4 Through ESOL class.
  o Schedule all ELL students together when possible to maximize efforts in meeting certification requirements.
  o Teachers teaching the English IV College Prep class must be certified in English with ESOL endorsement.
  o Additionally, schedule ELL students in the required Developmental Language Arts Through ESOL class.

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