

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
August 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, authorizes the Board to approve specialized admissions status for baccalaureate degree programs and outlines the monitoring process for these programs. Specialized admissions status allows an institution to establish additional admission criteria for entry into undergraduate degree programs, which enables the institutions to limit enrollment in such programs.

In 2021, the Florida Legislature amended section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, establishing the Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver. This waiver requires that for every course in a qualifying program in which a student is enrolled and meets the specified requirements, a state university must waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees for an equivalent course in an approved program. The intent of the waiver is to increase enrollment, which is counter to the intent of specialized admissions status.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 8.013 to specify that undergraduate degree programs approved for the Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver are not permitted to request approval for specialized admissions. The proposed amendment would ensure student access to the academic programs approved for the Programs of Strategic Emphasis waiver.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, at its June 22, 2023, meeting. Following the approval of the public notice of intent, no public comments were received, and the amended regulation is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions