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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 03-112

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 2002.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. Given the importance of the term, it would be advisable to define the term "international baccalaureate program" as part of the rule. The description in the analysis prepared by the agency is not directly reflected in the text of the rule. For example, the analysis refers to a "registered participant," but the text does not include this language; the analysis refers to a "standardized examination schedule" which is also not included in the text of the rule. The analysis and the text should be in agreement.

b. The department might want to consider whether a school district should notify the department of its decision to begin classes prior to September 1 under this exception.

c. Is there a need for an initial applicability provision to clarify that the rule first applies in the 2004-05 school year?