MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of State Budget and Management
FROM: State Board of Education Legal Office
DATE: December 6, 2019

The following rule within 16 NCAC 06D is proposed for readoption to be compatible with federal law governing state academic standards and end-of-course assessments:

16 NCAC 06D .0309 applies to the requirement for States to establish challenging academic standards and conduct assessments measuring the academic achievement of students in public schools. This rule sets the requirements for students to participate in end-of-course testing and provides guidelines for end-of-course assessments to be used in assigning final grades. Regulation by the State of North Carolina of these matters is subject to the provisions of 20 U.S.C. § 6311(b) (as amended in 2015 by Pub. L. No. 114-95).

The adoption of the above-named rule is necessary to comply with the federal regulations governing academic achievement standards and assessment of students in public schools.