



**General Knowledge Requirement
for Teacher Certification
Statement of Understanding**

Florida Statute Chapter 1012.56 (6.)(c.), regarding general knowledge requirements for certification, was revised during the 2000 legislative session. According to this new legislation, any individual who submits an application for a temporary certificate on or after July 1, 2000, must submit proof of successful completion of their general knowledge requirement within one calendar year from the date of first being hired in the state of Florida where their employment requires the individual to hold a Florida teaching certificate. However, if the anniversary date falls within the validity period of the employee's contract, then he/she will have until the end of their contract to submit proof of successful completion of their general knowledge requirement. If an individual does not show proof of this requirement by his/her deadline, then he/she will no longer be eligible for employment until such time that he/she presents proof of successful completion of the general knowledge examination. This includes employment as a long term substitute.

My signature on this document indicates that I have been advised by a representative of the District School Board of Pasco County that I must show proof of my original general knowledge score report documenting successful completion of my general knowledge requirement by no later than _____ . **I further understand that failure to submit the original score report by the above date will result in the termination of my employment with the District School Board of Pasco County.**

Teacher Signature

Date

School District Representative Signature

Date