

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Consent Item

August 19, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Statewide Career and Technical Education Articulation Agreements - Industry Certification to AAS/AS degree and Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) to AAS/AS degree

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### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

### AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.23(3), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-10.024, FAC.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 1007.23, Florida Statutes, requires the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to enter into a statewide articulation agreement which the State Board of Education shall adopt by rule. Rule 6A-10.024, FAC., entitled *Articulation Between and Among Universities, Community Colleges and School Districts*, and the Board of Governors *Articulation Resolution* are parallel documents that currently function as the statewide articulation agreement.

The Rule/Resolution stipulates that the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall document, maintain, and publish statewide applied technology diploma to associate in applied science/associate in science degree articulation agreements between career education centers and community colleges. However, there is no specific mention of Career and Technical Certificate (CTC, formerly PSAV) to AAS/AS agreements or industry certification to AAS/AS agreements in the Rule/Resolution. Therefore, these two types of statewide agreements are being brought directly to the State Board of Education for approval to ensure statewide acceptance by institutions.

Each agreement has been collaboratively reviewed by faculty with statewide agreement reached through a representative committee process. In addition, the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) has reviewed and approved each agreement. Each agreement provides for the granting of a block of college credit based on an established validation mechanism which ensures that students have met a certain level of proficiency as determined by a third party (i.e. professional licensure, industry certification, credit in escrow, etc.). These agreements are intended to be a minimum guarantee of articulated credit and do not preclude institutions from granting additional credit based on local agreements.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Statewide Articulation Agreements: Industry Certification to AAS/AS Degree and PSAV to AAS/AS Degree, Section 1007.23, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-10.024, FAC.

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