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Statewide Email

DATE SENT: July 31, 2020

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

TO: School District Superintendents
College Presidents

Via: Chancellor2@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: CAPE Updates

Superintendents & Presidents,

I wanted to draw your attention to three important items related to the Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Act.

- 1) The submission window for new requests to the 2021-22 K12 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List is now open. You may review the guidelines for submission at www.careersourceflorida.com/cape or see the attached email from our partners at CareerSource Florida.

As you know, industry certifications associated with the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List undergo rigorous scrutiny to determine alignment to the needs of Florida's economy. The department conducts this analysis in partnership with the state's workforce development board, CareerSource Florida, and the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The K12 CAPE list is also the starting point for determining if an industry certification should carry or convey college credit toward an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. [Many](#) of the K12 CAPE Industry Certifications earned by our high school students serve as a pathway into Florida College System institutions A.S. degree programs, and have the ability to accelerate their time to completion.

Henry Mack
Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

- 2) Toward this end, please see the attached memorandum regarding the requirement to notify the parent of our K12 CAPE students of their estimated cost savings as per 1003.02 (1) (j). As an added incentive to students and families, please be reminded of the [CAPE Scholarship](#) for students who earn certifications that generate at least five postsecondary articulated credit hours.

The benefit for FCS institutions is also significant. Secondary CAPE students are ideal candidates for direct enrollment in A.S. degree programs; they are more likely to enroll in an FCS institution immediately after graduating high school and are more likely to persist and complete an associate degree ([Glennie & Lauff, 2019](#)). If you have any questions about the cost savings data, our articulation agreements, or other curriculum-related items, please contact Kathleen Taylor at Kathleen.Taylor@fldoe.org or 850-245-9062.

- 3) Lastly, we realize that for many students the fall semester will look very different. To ensure for continued access to industry certification exams as part of courses that may be offered remotely or online, the department has authorized students to take industry certifications at home, through remote testing under specified conditions (see [here](#)). If the certifying agency provides an at home testing option for students, and it meets the department's requirements, the student may test. Alternatively, you may opt to test students in-person, in small gatherings, following CDC and local department of health guidelines. For questions specific to testing options for both secondary and postsecondary CAPE examinations, please contact Kathryn Wheeler at industrycertification@fldoe.org

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CareerSource Florida will begin accepting applications for 2021-2022 Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Act industry certifications **Friday, July 31**. The submission window will be open through **Tuesday, Sept. 15**.

Submissions must be made through a local workforce development board or a school principal including those who work for career and technical education directors. Applications must be completed and include a letter of endorsement from **ALL** of the following entities:

- The local workforce development board in your area
- A state, regional or local economic development organization
- A Florida-based business or regional trade organization

Best, and thank you for your commitment to CTE!

Regards,

Henry