

Attachment
Workforce Education Tuition and Fees
2011-12

The 2011 General Appropriations Act amended the tuition and fees policies for 2011-12. The following changes to tuition levels for 2011-12 were included:

- **Effective July 1, 2011, the standard tuition was increased to \$2.22 for Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas and a block tuition rate of \$45.00 per half year, or \$30.00 per term for Adult General Education.**

According to the workforce development fees statute, s. 1009.22(3), Florida Statutes, a district's tuition must be within 5 percent (above or below) of the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable. **Therefore, the 2011-12 standard tuition range for certificate programs is \$2.11 to \$2.33. Adult General Education is \$45.00 per half year, or \$30.00 per term.** *NOTE: If a district's 2010-11 standard tuition falls within the range above, the school board is not required to raise tuition in 2011-12. For example, if a district's 2010-11 career certificate (PSAV) tuition was \$2.16, this falls within 5 percent of the standard tuition for 2011-12 and is not required to change. If a district's 2010-11 career certificate (PSAV) tuition was \$1.96, the new tuition for 2011-12 must be increased (at a minimum) to \$2.11 in order to be within 5 percent of the standard tuition of \$2.22.*

The tables found on the next pages provide a summary of the charges allowed for the program areas of Career Certificates (PSAV), Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD), and Adult General Education (AGE). The summary includes ranges for tuition, out-of-state fees, and the optional fees for student financial aid, capital improvement, and technology.

For Career Certificate/Applied Technology Diplomas, student financial aid, capital improvement and technology fees are discretionary and are, therefore, not required. However, it is important to note that if these fees are charged, the amount allowed to be charged for these fees varies. If student financial aid fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is 10 percent of tuition (for residents) or 10 percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for nonresidents). Thus, the amount charged for student financial aid can be any percent **up to 10 percent**. If capital improvement or technology fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is 5 percent of tuition (for residents) or 5 percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for nonresidents). Thus, the amount allowed to be charged for a capital improvement or technology fee is any percent **up to 5 percent**.

Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas

Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas			
RESIDENT	Standard Fee Rate	Minimum Fee Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Fee Rate ⁽¹⁾
Tuition	2.22	2.11	2.33
Student Financial Aid ⁽²⁾ <i>(10% of Tuition)</i>	0.22	0.21	0.23
Capital Improvement Fee ⁽²⁾ <i>(5% of Tuition)</i>	0.11	0.10	0.11
Technology Fee ⁽²⁾ <i>(5% of Tuition)</i>	0.11	0.10	0.11
NONRESIDENT	Standard Fee Rate	Minimum Fee Rate ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Fee Rate ⁽¹⁾
Tuition	2.22	2.11	2.33
Out-of-State Fee	6.66	6.33	6.99
Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee	8.88	8.44	9.32
Student Financial Aid ⁽²⁾ <i>(10% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)</i>	0.88	0.84	0.93
Capital Improvement Fee ⁽²⁾ <i>(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)</i>	0.44	0.42	0.46
Technology Fee ⁽²⁾ <i>(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)</i>	0.44	0.42	0.46

- (1) Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of 5 percent below to 5 percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable according to s.1009.22(3)(f), Florida Statutes
- (2) Student Financial Aid, Capital Improvement, and Technology Fees are discretionary and are not required.

**Adult General Education
(for Non-fee waived students)**

	Standard Rate	Minimum Rate⁽¹⁾	Maximum Rate⁽¹⁾
Block Tuition (Per half year)⁽²⁾	45.00	42.75	47.25
Out-of-State Fee	135.00	128.25	141.75
Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee	180.00	171.00	189.00
	Standard Rate	Minimum Rate⁽¹⁾	Maximum Rate⁽¹⁾
Block Tuition (Per term)⁽²⁾	30.00	28.50	31.50
Out-of-State Fee	90.00	85.50	94.50
Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee	120.00	114.00	126.00

- (1) Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of 5 percent below to 5 percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable according to s.1009.22(3)(f), Florida Statutes.
- (2) Tuition does not vary based on instructional hours scheduled or number of Adult General Education programs in which the student is enrolled.

2011 Legislative Changes

Fees

Effective July 1, 2011, s. 1009.22(3)(c), Florida Statutes, has been amended to include the following language:

For adult general education programs, a block tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term shall be assessed for residents and nonresidents, and the out-of-state fee shall be \$135 per half year or \$90 per term. Each district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees shall adopt policies and procedures for the collection of and accounting for the expenditure of the block tuition. All funds received from the block tuition shall be used only for adult general education programs. Students enrolled in adult general education programs may not be assessed the fees authorized in subsection (5), subsection (6), or subsection (7).

Residency for Tuition Purposes

Effective July 1, 2011, s.1009.22(3)(a), Florida Statutes, has been amended to read:

Except as otherwise provided by law, fees for students who are nonresidents for tuition purposes must offset the full cost of instruction. **Residency of students shall be determined as required in s. 1009.21 Florida Statutes.** Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in vocational-preparatory instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged for adult general education programs. Each community college that conducts college-preparatory and vocational-preparatory instruction in the same class section may charge a single fee for both types of instruction.

For all workforce education students, a determination of residency for tuition purposes must be made according to the requirements in s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes. Districts must identify students as residents for tuition purposes in the WDIS data reporting system using the Adult Fee Status element.

Fee Exemptions

Effective July 1, 2011, s. 1009.25, Florida Statutes, has been amended to remove the following information:

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~~(1) The following Students are exempt from any requirement for the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, for adult basic, adult secondary, or career-preparatory instruction:~~

~~(a) A student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.~~

~~(b) A student who has a high school diploma or its equivalent and who has academic skills at or below the eighth grade level pursuant to state board rule. A student is eligible for this exemption from fees if the student's skills are at or below the eighth grade level as measured by a test administered in the English language and approved by the Department of Education, even if the student has skills above that level when tested in the student's native language.~~

Effective July 1, 2011, s. 1011.80 (10), Florida Statutes, has been amended to include the following information:

A student who is coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may not be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education program, except that for the 2011-2012 fiscal year only, students who are coenrolled in core curricula courses for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes may be reported for funding for up to two courses per student. Such students are exempt from the payment of the block tuition for adult general education programs provided in s. 1009.22(3)(c) Florida Statutes.

Statutory References for Fees

Tuition Statutes

The following are the current statutory references related to Workforce Fees:

- s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes, Determination of resident status for tuition purposes
- s. 1009.22, Florida Statutes, Workforce education postsecondary student fees
- s. 1009.25, Florida Statutes, Organizes all fee exemptions for all sectors
- s. 1009.26, Florida Statutes, Organizes all fee waivers for all sectors
- s. 1009.27, Florida Statutes, Organizes references to fee deferrals for all sectors
- s. 1011.80(10), Florida Statutes, Fee exemption for coenrolled students

Standard Tuition and Nonresident Fees

Effective July 1, 2011, standard tuition shall be \$2.22 per contact hour for programs leading to a career certificate or an applied technology diploma and a block tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term shall be assessed for residents and nonresidents, and the out-of-state fee shall be \$135 per half year or \$90 per term for adult general education programs (see specific Appropriation 96 in the 2011 General Appropriations Act – SB 2000). Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of 5 percent below to 5 percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable (s. 1009.22(3)(e) Florida Statutes. These out-of-state fees must be charged to students classified as nonresidents for tuition purposes, in addition to the tuition.

Beginning with the 2008-09 fiscal year, and each year thereafter, the standard tuition per contact hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, **unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act**. The inflation rate will be reported by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the State Board of Education each year prior to March 1.

Note: Since the fee was included in the General Appropriations Act, this inflationary increase does not apply for 2011-12.

Financial Aid Fee

School districts are **permitted** to collect, for financial aid purposes, up to an additional 10 percent of the student fees collected for *workforce development education programs* as stated in s. 1009.22(5), Florida Statutes. This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 1009.22(3), Florida Statutes).

Capital Improvement Fee

School districts are **permitted** to collect a separate capital improvement fee for capital improvements, technology enhancements, or equipping buildings which may not exceed 5 percent of the tuition fee for resident students or 5 percent of the tuition and out-of-state fee for nonresident students. For additional information see s. 1009.22(6), Florida Statutes. This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 1009.22(3), Florida Statutes).

Technology Fee

School districts are **permitted** to collect a separate technology fee, effective July 1, 2009. Section 1009.22(7), Florida Statutes, addresses the statutory requirements. According to the statute, "Each district school board and community college board of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for technology, not to exceed 5 percent of tuition per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident students and not to exceed 5 percent of

tuition and the out-of-state fee per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident students. Revenues generated from the technology fee shall be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty and shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.” This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 1009.22(3), Florida Statutes).

Other Fees

s. 1009.22(8) and (9), Florida Statutes, states:

(8) Each district school board is authorized to establish specific fees for workforce development instruction not reported for state funding purposes or for workforce development instruction not reported as state funded full-time equivalent students. District school boards and district boards of trustees are not required to charge any other fee specified in this section for this type of instruction.

(9) District school boards are not authorized to charge students enrolled in workforce development programs any fee that is not specifically authorized by statute. In addition to matriculation, tuition, financial aid, capital improvement, and technology fees, as authorized in this section, district school boards are authorized to establish fee schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or microfilming fees, standardized testing fees; diploma replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; and late fees related to registration and payment. Such user fees and fines shall not exceed the cost of services provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the service. . . .

Fee Exemptions

Fee exemptions are defined in s. 1009.25, Florida Statutes.

Fee Waivers

Fee Waivers are defined in s. 1009.26, Florida Statutes. School districts may provide fee waivers for programs funded through Workforce Development Education appropriations for up to 8 percent of the fee revenues that would otherwise be collected.

Differential Out-of-State Fee

Section 1009.22(4), Florida Statutes, provides that a district school board that has a service area that borders another state may implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee.

Applied Academics (Vocational Preparatory Instruction)

There has been some confusion about fees for Applied Academics (Vocational Preparatory Instruction). The Department considers Applied Academics (Vocational Preparatory Instruction) as an Adult Education course. Students receiving this instruction are fee-exempt if they satisfy the fee exemption criteria for Adult Education students. However, s. 1009.22(3)(a), Florida Statutes, states: “Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in Vocational-Preparatory Instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged for **adult general education**.”

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