

# Division of Workforce Education

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## 2008 Legislative Update

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Bills with Workforce Education  
Significance to Secondary  
School Students, Their Parents  
and Their Teachers

# New Requirements for High School Diploma

## SB 1908 Public School Curricular Standards

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- By 2008-09, each standard high school diploma must include a designation for:
  - Major Area of Interest
  - Completion of four or more accelerated college credit courses in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education, or dual enrollment
  - Career education certification
  - Florida Ready to Work Credential

# Fine Arts vs. Practical Arts

## SB 1908: Public School Curricular Standards

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- **Requirement for High School Graduation**
  - Adds practical arts courses that incorporate artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation, and imagination, as identified through the Course Code Directory, to the current options of dance, music, theatre, visual arts, speech, and debate courses that high school students can take to meet the fine arts graduation requirement

# Ready to Work Credential

## SB 1908 Public School Curricular Standards

- SB 1908 Requires the Ready to Work credential to be awarded to a student who passes three identified assessments (Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information) or their equivalents.
- Defines passing scores required to earn a credential at the bronze-level (3 or above), silver-level (4 or above), or gold-level (5 or above).

# Dual Enrollment

## SB 1908 Public School Curricular Standards

When dual enrollment courses are taught by postsecondary faculty, this bill requires the district inter-institutional articulation agreement to identify the responsibility of the postsecondary educational institution for assigning letter grades for dual enrollment courses and the responsibility of the school districts for posting these grades to high school transcripts.

# Bonus FTE Career and Professional Academies HB 5083 Appropriations Implementation

- Amends s. 1003.492, F.S., The Career and Professional Education Act of 2007:

A value of 0.3 full-time equivalent student membership shall be calculated for each student who completes an industry-certified career and professional academy program, and who is issued the **highest level of an industry certification AND a high school diploma certificate**

- Appropriation is limited to **\$15 million annually**. If the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund the total calculation, the appropriation shall be prorated.

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and Adult Students** and Their  
Teachers

# Technology Fee for Workforce Education

## ◆ SB 1774—Postsecondary Education

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- Bill authorizes optional technology fee for workforce development programs offered by community colleges and school districts effective fall term 2009-10.
- Revenues generated must be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty.
- Fee may not be included in any award under Bright Futures Scholarship program.

# Adult Apprentices Exempt from TABE

SB 1908 Public School Curricular Standards

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Creates exemption for adult students enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program from requirement to demonstrate mastery of basic skills (TABE test) before being awarded a career certificate of completion.

# Creation of Registered Pharmacy Tech Program

## SB 1360 Pharmacy Technician

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- Effective January 1, 2010, pharmacy technicians must be registered with the Board of Pharmacy
  - Reached at least 17 years of age
  - Completed the application form
  - Remitted a nonrefundable application fee no greater than \$50, biennially, as set by the board

# SB 996 Cosmetology

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- Amends Cosmetologist license requirements as follows:
  - Increases education hours from 1200 to 1500 hours.
  - Creates three (3) new licenses and amends education requirements as follows:
    - Hair Stylist
    - Nail Technician
    - Esthetician

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# Workforce Education Appropriation for FY 2008-09

# HB 5001 General Appropriations Act

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- Workforce Development Funds: \$383,965,463
  - Reduction in funds of \$17,006,692 from adjusted 2007-08 funding, a decrease of 4.2 percent
- Performance Incentive Funds: \$5,986,007
  - Reduction in funds of \$4,244,072 from adjusted 2007-08 funding, a decrease of 41.5 percent
- SUCCEED funding eliminated for FY 2008-09

# Tuition Increase

- 6 percent tuition increase authorized
- Standard Tuition for Career Certificate: \$1.77\*
- Standard Tuition\*\* for Adult Gen Ed: \$0.87\*
- Out-of-State Fee: 3 times the Standard Tuition\* (nonresidents must pay standard tuition plus out of state fee)
- Districts must set their resident tuition for 2008-09 rates within 5 percent +/- standard tuition

\* Pending approval of the Governor

\*\* Most adult general education students are fee exempt under s. 1009.25, F.S.

# HB 5001 General Appropriations Act

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- Ready to Work
  - Minimum operating funds of \$11 million provided for FY 2008-09
  - Any unexpended funds appropriated in FY 2007-08 will be re-appropriated for FY 2008-09 to support the program