



Statewide Email

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SUBJECT: Perkins V Allocation Convening

The Florida Department of Education is seeking nominations for participants in upcoming facilitated virtual working group sessions on the topic of Awaiting Limited Access (ALA) and General Freshman (GF). We are asking each president to recommend one senior-level administrator to participate; please send me their name and email address by next **Wednesday, July 22nd**, end of business. The sessions are tentatively scheduled for September 10th, from 1-4PM and September 17th, 9-12PM. Participants must be available for both sessions.

As you may recall, this past February, I presented on the topic of ALA and GF and whether students who were only classified as ALA or GF with an *intended* career and technical education (CTE) program may be included in the Perkins V allocation formula. Based on analysis of data, an institutional survey, and multiple discussions with representatives from the Florida College System, the department discovered significant variation in how colleges define, implement, and report students in ALA and GF. The Council of Presidents then charged the Council of Workforce Education (CWE) to develop common definitions of ALA and GF and accompanying reporting guidelines. These recommendations were presented to all voting members of CWE and presented to the Council of Instructional Affairs and the Council of Student Affairs last month. CWE is to be commended for their hard work and collaboration.

As a next step, the department is convening a statewide workgroup to further understand the issue, its provenance, and any and all implications associated with the potential adoption of a new definition. The existing definitions for ALA and GF, however disparate, have broader implications than just those related to Perkins V allocations. We believe the convening is an important step, both for stakeholders' and the department's understanding before making a final decision on the classification and reporting of these students.

In addition to the 28 members from each college, the department will be selecting approximately 10 additional members from across functional units and regions to participate, principally to ensure for maximum diversity and engagement. The recommendations from this group, together with those of the CWE, and the Council of Presidents, will inform the department's final decision for changing the method by which Perkins funds are allocated to the Florida College System.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.