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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents
District School Superintendents
District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Henry Mack, Senior Chancellor

DATE: April 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements

On March 30, 2022, the State Board of Education approved the annual revisions to [Rule 6A-10.0401, Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The purpose of this rule and its amendment is to incorporate by reference all [Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements](#) based on industry certifications published by the Department of Education annually as the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.

These Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements provide guaranteed college credit for individuals who have earned an industry certification and are enrolled in an Associate in Science (A.S.) or Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program at a Florida College System institution, as specified in this rule.

Since 2008, the State Board of Education has approved Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements, as recommended by the Articulation Coordinating Committee. Each year, pursuant to [Rule 6A-6.0573, F.A.C.](#), new industry certifications are added to the approved CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. For the 2021-2022 academic year, 21 new agreements have been developed. When students earn an industry certification identified in the agreement and enroll in a specified A.S. or A.A.S. degree program at a Florida College System institution, a guaranteed number of college credits will be awarded and placed onto the student's transcript using Statewide Course Numbering System course numbers.

The attached Excel document includes both new and existing Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements and a PDF file of all agreements. The brand new agreements for the 2021-22 academic year are in red text, and those that have been updated to reflect the 2020 CIP number change are indicated in green text. In addition to this memorandum, the Division of Career and Adult Education will provide an update on the CAPE industry certification list and

new Gold Standard Articulation Agreements at the next secondary Career and Technical Education webinar.

Upon receipt of the updated Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements list, counselors and advisors at the district career centers and FCS institutions should become familiar with the agreements in an effort to provide guidance to students regarding the award of credit toward an associate degree.

An additional memo titled College Cost Savings through Industry Certification - Parent Notification is annually distributed in August to assist districts with the requirements of [Section 1003.02 \(1\)\(j\), Florida Statutes](#), which mandates district school boards to:

Notify the parent of a student who earns an industry certification that articulates for postsecondary credit of the estimated cost savings to the parent before the student's high school graduation versus the cost of acquiring such certification after high school graduation, which would include the tuition and fees associated with available postsecondary credits. Also, the student and the parent must be informed of any additional industry certifications available to the student.

In addition to the college cost savings, industry certifications with articulation agreements can qualify students for the [Florida Bright Futures Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Articulation at 850-245-0427 or Articulation@fldoe.org.

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Attachments

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