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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select School District Superintendents (Bay, Broward, Collier, Lake, Okaloosa, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pinellas)

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: July 24, 2015

SUBJECT: 2015-16 CAPE Innovation Courses

Sections 1003.4203 and 1008.44, Florida Statutes, include provisions for the establishment of CAPE Innovation Courses which combine academic and career content with performance expectations that will result in college credit and industry certification attainment. According to the statutes, each approved CAPE Innovation Course must have at least two third-party assessments, one of which must be associated with an industry certification on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. These courses are eligible for additional full-time equivalency (FTE) membership in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), as specified in s. 1011.62(1)(o)1.c., for student completion of the required performance outcomes.

For the 2015-16 academic year, the department has identified four CAPE Innovation Courses for implementation in select pilot districts. These courses involve the pairing of an industry certification with an Advanced Placement (AP) course. All CAPE Innovation Courses that are partnered with AP course content will use the current [College Board AP course descriptions](#) and require AP teachers to deliver a series of activities that emphasize applied learning of the AP content. The goal of this unique instructional approach is to prepare students for success on AP exams while learning new knowledge and skills associated with CAPE industry certifications. The following courses will be available for the 2015-16 year:

- Advanced Placement Microeconomics Innovation (#2102365)
- Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Innovation (#1001425)
- Advanced Placement Studio Art 2-D Design Portfolio Innovation (#0109355)
- Advanced Placement Computer Science A Innovation (#0200325)

The detailed academic and career performance expectations for these CAPE Innovation Courses are summarized in Attachment A.

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Attachment B is a Q & A document to provide additional guidance on CAPE Innovation Course implementation in pilot school districts during the 2015-16 school year. The department will evaluate the pilot to determine the feasibility of statewide implementation of additional CAPE Innovation Courses for future years.

The department has created a web site for posting information about CAPE Innovation Courses which can be accessed at the following web link: <http://fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/innovation.stml>. Should you have questions about these courses, please contact Sean Friend or Tara Goodman at 850-245-9001 or industrycertification@fldoe.org.

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Attachments

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