

6A-6.0576 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Adoption of the Master Credentials List. The ~~2026-2027~~ ~~2025-2026~~ Master Credentials List submitted to the Department by CareerSource Florida is adopted by the State Board of Education and incorporated by reference in this rule.

(4) Adoption of the annual Funding List. The ~~2026-27~~ ~~2025-26~~ Funding List is composed of industry certifications and certificates as specified in Sections 1008.44 and 1011.62, F.S.

(a) through (d) No change.

(5) General requirements for inclusion on the Funding List for Basic CAPE Industry Certifications, CAPE Acceleration Industry Certifications and any certification approved for CAPE postsecondary funding eligibility.

(a) ~~Effective for the 2025-26 CAPE Industry Certification Funding List,~~ Each certification must meet the following criteria:

1. through 8. No change.

9. The certifying agency must not provide test takers with access to the exact questions which appear on the operational exam(s) required to earn the industry certification, prior to the official test administration.

(b) through (c) No change.

(6) Designation of K-12 funding eligibility on the Funding List. In order for a certification or digital tool certificate to be eligible for additional funding pursuant to Section 1011.62, F.S., the following criteria must be met:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) To be included as a CAPE Digital Tool Certificate, the certificate must be designated on the 2024-2025 Master Credentials List as a certificate as of June 30, 2023, or be approved by the Department of Education as specified in Sections 1003.4203(2) and 1008.44(1), F.S.

1. School ~~district districts~~ career and professional education directors may request a review of assessments and credentials for approval as CAPE Digital Tool Certificates during a submission window from the first business day in March to first business day in April of each year. Submissions will be reviewed for approval for the following academic year. Form FCAPE-05, CAPE Digital Tool Certificate Submission Form, must be utilized by school districts for submission of new CAPE Digital Tool Certificates.

2. No change.

(7) through (9) No change.

(10) Conditions for Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) calculation and reporting for industry certifications and CAPE digital tool certificates.

(a) A school district is eligible for additional funding under the following conditions:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Beginning with the ~~2026-27~~ 2025-26 reporting year, digital tool certificates may only be reported for ~~elementary~~ grades students up ~~through~~ to grade level eight (8) ~~5~~.

(b) No change.

(c) To report successful attainment of certifications and certificates on the Funding List, the following test administration procedures for all examinations associated with earning the industry certification must be followed:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Any computer-based exam required to earn the certification must be delivered with computer lockout features which prevent candidates from accessing outside materials, searching the web, taking screenshots, or having access to unauthorized materials during the exam.

9. The student must not have to the exact exam questions that appear on the operational exam as part of exam preparation or through access to instructional materials provided by the certifying agency or any other entity.

(d) No change.

(e) Postsecondary dual enrollment courses must be registered by the district as career-themed courses for the Basic CAPE Industry Certification or CAPE Acceleration Industry Certification earned in these courses to be included in the additional funding calculation, under the conditions specified in Section 1011.62(17)(4), F.S.

(f) No change.

(11) Conditions for FEFP calculation of the 0.3 value for CAPE Pathways Completion.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) ~~Beginning with the 2025-26 FEFP calculation,~~ School districts shall report a 0.3 value for each student who satisfied the criteria for a CAPE Pathway Completer. To report a student with this value, the following conditions must be met:

1. No change.

2. A student must have satisfied the requirements to be a CTE Concentrator in a secondary program identified

on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions list ~~and completed an industry certification related to the CTE program of concentration as approved on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Certification Linkage List~~ while enrolled in the district.

3. A student must have completed an industry certification related to the CTE program of concentration as approved on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Certification Linkage List while enrolled in the district.

3. through 4. renumbered 4. through 5. No change.

(12) Registration of career-themed courses eligible for funding as specified in Section 1011.62(17)(4), F.S. School districts must annually register each career-themed course offered in their district by school using the web-based application available at <https://web02.fl DOE.org/CAPE/login.aspx>. Districts are eligible for the additional funding provided in Section 1011.62, F.S., for the industry certifications on the Funding List which are identified by the school district in the course registration in eligible courses.

(a) No change.

(b) A course must have students enrolled in the academic year ~~in order~~ to be registered.

(c) To register a course, a district must maintain local documentation which supports that the A course has must have a minimum of five (5) unique standards from a secondary career and technical education program curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education in Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C., that link to the standards assessed by the industry certification. If the course has fewer than five (5) unique standards in the framework, all standards must link to the standards assessed by the industry certification. The Department of Education will review the course submissions after each registration period for compliance with the alignment requirements. Districts will be notified of any course alignments under review and allowed to provide the local documentation that supports the alignment. If the course to certification alignment is not confirmed by the review of the local documentation, the course will be included on non-aligned course to certification list which is published annually here: <https://www.fl DOE.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/cape-ctc-resources.stml>. Course to certification linkages on this list are not eligible for career-themed course registration. to confirm compliance with this requirement and will notify the district secondary career and technical education director regarding any compliance issues.

(d) The registration system includes all career education courses approved for grades 6 through 12 which are in-

cluded in a curriculum framework adopted in Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C., with the program type of career preparatory, technology education, work-based learning or capstone, in the course code directory as adopted in Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C. Other courses available to students in grades 6 through 12 may be added to the registration system if requested by a school district and with documentation that student mastery of at least five (5) core standards are assessed by an industry certification exam adopted on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. To request additions of non-career education courses to the registration system for the academic year, the school district must notify the department in writing with the course number, industry certification and academic standards for the course that align to the certification. The request must be received no later than the first business day of March in the academic year for the career-themed course registration. Upon validation of alignment between standards and the requirements for the industry certification, the course will be added to the registration system for use in the next open registration period.

(e) Other career education courses available to students in grades 6 through 12 may be added to the registration system if requested by a school district and with documentation that student mastery of at least five (5) core standards are assessed by an industry certification exam adopted on the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List or all standards if the course has fewer than five (5) standards. To request additional career education courses for the registration system for the academic year, the school district must notify the department in writing with the course number, industry certification and standards for the course that align to the certification. The request must be received no later than the first business day of March in the academic year for the career-themed course registration. Upon validation of alignment between standards and the requirements for the industry certification, the course will be added to the registration system for use in the next open registration period. Upon review and approval of the alignment, the confirmed course to certification linkages are included the list published here: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/cape-ctc-resources.shtml>. Only course to certification linkages which are included on this list are eligible for additional funding provided in s. 1011.62(17)(f), F.S. Districts will be eligible for the additional funding provided in Section 1011.62, F.S., for the industry certifications on the Funding List which are identified by the school district in the course registration.

(f) Non-career education courses from the course code directory adopted in Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C., may be registered as career-themed courses if the course is career education focused and has career and technical education standards directly related to the standards assessed by the industry certification. To request inclusion of an academic

course in the registration system for the reporting year, the school district must submit a request in writing with the course number, industry certification name and reporting code, the career and technical education content in the course, and the aligned skills on the industry certification. The request must be received no later than the first business day of March in the academic year for the career-themed course registration. Upon review and approval of the alignment, the academic course to certification linkages are included the list published here: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/cape-ctc-resources.html>. Only academic course to certification linkages which are included on this list are eligible for additional funding provided in s. 1011.62(17)(f), F.S.

(f) through (g) renumbered (g) through (h) No change.

~~(h) Registration of career-themed courses is required for funding in the FEFP.~~

(i) No change.

(13) through (15) No change.

(16) Reporting requirements for violations of industry certification test administration provisions for K-12 students. In those situations, where provisions of subsections (13) and (14) of this rule are violated by a teacher, proctor or monitor the district must prepare a report made to the department and the certifying agency. This notification must occur within five (5) business days, unless the certifying agency has a more stringent requirement. The report must include a description of the incident, the names of the persons involved in or witness to the incident, and other information as appropriate. Districts shall report to the department using Form FCAPE-04, Florida Career and Professional Education Act Testing Violation Report.

(a) A teacher, proctor or monitor that is currently under investigation for a testing violation may not serve as a proctor for any industry certification exams while the investigation is ongoing. The results of any test administration that is under investigation by the Department or the school district may not be reported for funding or for any other purpose until the review is completed.

(b) through (c) No change.

(17) K-12 student conduct provisions during test administrations. School districts must have local policies and procedures for the review of student conduct during and after industry certification and certificate exam administrations. These procedures must address any student conduct that violates certifying agency requirements for test administration or jeopardizes the integrity of the test. This conduct includes but is not limited to the following: the ~~to~~

use of unauthorized materials during the testing; presence of or, use of a cell phone; use of smart glasses, wearable cameras, or other internet-connected wearable devices capable of recording, photographing, transmitting, or displaying exam content; ~~or any other device with the ability to take photos of exam materials;~~ assisting any other test taker with exam questions; and the disclosure of any test questions after the test administration. If a district determines the student violated the conduct provisions, the student must be prohibited from testing on any industry certification or certificate for a minimum period of six (6) months. If the district determines that the student conduct jeopardized the integrity of the exam beyond the scope of the student's own performance on the exam, the district must complete Form FCAPE-04 and report the incident to the department for review.

(18) No change.

(19) The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, or at the websites listed below.

(a) 2026-27 ~~2025-26~~ CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, ~~Updated~~ (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20024> ~~<https://flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19463>~~), effective October ~~May~~ 2026.

(b) 2026-27 ~~2025-26~~ Master Credentials List (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20025> ~~<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19067>~~), effective October ~~February~~ 2026.

(c) Form FCAPE-02, Florida Career and Professional Education Act Career-Themed Course (CTC) Registration Form (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20026> ~~<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14695>~~), effective October 2026 ~~September 2022~~. Form FCAPE-02 may also be found on the department's website at: <https://web02.fldoe.org/CAPE>.

(d) through (h) No change.

(i) 2026-27 ~~2025-26~~ Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Industry Certification Linkage List (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20020> ~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19068>~~), effective October ~~February~~ 2026.

(j) 2026-27 ~~2025-26~~ Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions (<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20019> ~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19069>~~), effective October ~~February~~ 2026.

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Master Credentials List is being substantially reworded. See

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19067> for present text.