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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

School District Superintendents

FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D., Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

DATE: March 04, 2025

SUBJECT: Annual Florida CTE Program Quality Audit, 2024

The Division of Career and Adult Education (DCAE) has completed the 2024 Annual Florida Career and Technical Education Program Quality Audit (CTE Audit). The CTE Audit report and statewide data for both the secondary and postsecondary sectors can be accessed on the <u>Career and Technical Education Program Quality Audit website</u>, along with additional CTE Audit resources.

The 2024 CTE Audit Report and related data files analyze CTE programs at the secondary and lower-division postsecondary levels for the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 reporting years. We request your review of these materials and ask that they be shared with relevant administration and staff to support program performance evaluations.

Agency level CTE Audit data files have been uploaded to your agency's Research & Evaluation ShareFile folder in the *CTE Audit* subfolder. Please coordinate with your agency's Reports Coordinator to retrieve these files. For ShareFile login assistance, contact Dr. Merve Pamuk at Merve.Pamuk@fldoe.org.

The agency level files now include new columns that identify whether the primary or alternate target was met for each metric. These columns show how your agency would have performed if the accountability requirements of the CTE Audit Rule were currently in effect. This provides an opportunity for agencies to identify programs that may be identified for phase out in 2026. Within the primary and alternate target columns of the files, "YES" means that the target was met, "NO" means that the target was not met, and "EXEMPT" means that the program was exempt from phase out based on a qualifying reason per state rule. Agencies will be contacted directly regarding any program(s) identified as not meeting a metric.

As a reminder, beginning with the 2026 CTE Audit, programs not meeting program quality will be subject to phase out per <u>Rule 6A-10.0342</u>.

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Thank you for your patience as the Department completed critical reviews of the audit and related processes. In advance of the 2026 report, the Department is committed to providing technical assistance to local agencies regarding accountability implementation.

Please register and join us at an upcoming CTE Audit webinar to receive updates on the CTE Audit Program Quality Rule, technical assistance, and updates to metric methodologies that will impact the 2025 report.

2024 CTE Audit & Methodology Updates Webinar

When: Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 2:00 PM

Registration link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7634567185213838169

If you have any questions regarding the CTE Audit, please contact Dr. Brittany C. Ross, Senior Director, Research & Evaluation, at Brittany.Ross@fldoe.org.

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