

6A-6.0200 Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education Program.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Partnerships for offering the GATE program between eligible postsecondary institutions and adult education providers. Eligible institutions identified in subsection (2) may partner with school districts to provide the adult education program component ~~district or Florida College System adult education providers and postsecondary career education providers. School districts without eligible institutions identified in subsection (2) may partner with eligible institutions to provide the career education program component.~~ Scholarship funds associated with the GATE participation waiver of tuition and fees shall be provided to the eligible institutions under subsection (2). Both the adult secondary education and career education providers must provide the respective waivers for tuition and other fees. The partnership agreement should address how scholarship funds received by the postsecondary career education provider will be disbursed to the school district adult secondary education provider.

(5) Program notification. Eligible school districts and Florida College System institutions seeking to offer the GATE program must submit a program notification to the Division of Career and Adult Education and receive approval prior to offering the program. Form FGATE-01, Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program Summary (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19106+7064>) (effective ~~March 2026~~ October 2024) is hereby incorporated by reference and must be utilized for program notification. The form must be accompanied by the district or college's written policies and procedures for program operation, as identified in subsection (3). Upon approval of the proposed GATE program, an institution is eligible to enroll students in compliance with the requirement in s.1004.933, F.S. The following requirements must be met when completing the FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary form to ensure accurate and complete program notification:

(a) If a school district or Florida College System institution operates more than one career center, a separate FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary form must be submitted for each institution seeking to offer the GATE program.

(b) School districts that operate a career center and also maintain one or more independent instructional sites for adult education may utilize these sites to deliver the GED® Preparation and Adult High School (AHS) components of the GATE program. An independent instructional site is a school that is not reported under the career center but operates under and reports through the same school district as the career center.

(c) GATE students must be permitted to select any Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offered by

the career center or Florida College System institution that is an applied technology diploma or a career certificate program included on the Master Credentials List, except where enrollment is restricted due to programmatic requirements. The physical location of a student's enrollment in GED Preparation or AHS cannot be used as a basis to restrict or limit access to CTE programs. GATE students must be allowed to select eligible CTE programs offered by the career center regardless of where adult education instruction is delivered.

(6) through (7) No change.

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