

**6A-6.0578 Approval and Recognition Process for District Postsecondary Career Centers**

(1) The purpose of this rule is to establish the procedures for the recognition of a school operated by a school district as postsecondary career center under s. 1001.44, F.S.

(2) Conditions for Designation as a Career Center. To qualify for recognition as a career center, a school district must demonstrate the following conditions are met:

(a) The school offers multiple career certificates or applied technology diploma programs with frameworks approved by the State Board of Education in Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C.

(b) The school is currently accredited by one of the following institutional accrediting bodies:

1. Council on Occupational Education (COE),
2. Higher Learning Commission (HLC), or
3. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

(3) Recognition and Request Process. To request recognition as a career center, a school district superintendent, or the superintendent's authorized designee, must submit a letter on official letterhead to the Division of Career and Adult Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. The request must include, at a minimum, the following documents: confirmation from an approved institutional accrediting body listed in paragraph (2)(b) that the school has active accreditation, and the current academic course catalog which lists all of the postsecondary career certificate and applied technology diploma programs offered by the school.

(a) Review and Approval Process. Upon review, the district will be notified of any deficiencies in the submission and may submit an updated request. If approved for recognition, the district will be notified of approval in writing by the Chancellor for the Division of Career and Adult Education.

(b) As of March 2026, the following schools are currently recognized as career centers by the Department:

1. Bay County School District - Tom P. Haney Technical College;
2. Bradford County School District - North Florida Technical College;
3. Broward County School District - Atlantic Technical College, Sheridan Technical College, William T. McFatter Technical College;
4. Charlotte County School District - Charlotte Technical College;
5. Citrus County School District - Withlacoochee Technical College;
6. Collier County School District - Lorenzo Walker Technical College, Immokalee Technical College;

7. Miami-Dade County School District - D.A. Dorsey Technical College, George T. Baker Aviation Technical College, Lindsey Hopkins Technical College, Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College, Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College, South Dade Technical College, The English Center;

8. Escambia County School District - George Stone Technical College;

9. Flagler County School District - Flagler Technical College;

10. Gadsden County School District - Gadsden Technical College;

11. Hernando County School District - Wilton Simpson Technical College;

12. Hillsborough County School District - Aparicio-Levy Technical College, Erwin Technical College, Brewster Technical College;

13. Indian River County School District - Treasure Coast Technical College;

14. Lee County School District - Cape Coral Technical College, Fort Myers Technical College;

15. Leon County School District - Lively Technical College;

16. Manatee County School District - Manatee Technical College;

17. Marion County School District - Marion Technical College;

18. Okaloosa County School District - Okaloosa Technical College;

19. Orange County School District - Orange Technical College;

20. Osceola County School District - Osceola Technical College;

21. Palm Beach County School District - Chuck Shaw Technical Education Center, West Technical Education Center;

22. Pasco County School District - Fred K. Marchman Technical College;

23. Pinellas County School District - Pinellas Technical College (Clearwater Campus), Pinellas Technical College (St. Petersburg Campus);

24. Polk County School District - Traviss Technical College, Ridge Technical College;

25. Santa Rosa County School District - Radford M. Locklin Technical College;

26. Sarasota County School District - Suncoast Technical College;

27. St. Johns County School District - First Coast Technical College;

28. Suwannee County School District - Riveroak Technical College;

29. Taylor County School District - Big Bend Technical College;

30. Walton County School District - Emerald Coast Technical College; and

31. Washington County School District - Florida Panhandle Technical College.

(4) The Department of Education will annually review the schools approved in paragraph (3)(b) for continued compliance with the requirements for recognition.

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