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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents
School District Technical College Directors

FROM: Manny Diaz, Jr.

DATE: February 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.0401, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements

On January 15, 2025, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-10.0401, F.A.C., Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements. This rule is in accordance with Section (s.) 1007.23, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which provides for the use of statewide articulation across and among Florida's educational entities. Incorporated within the rule is the adoption of the 2024-25 Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements List. Additionally, included within the rule is updated language which helps to codify and provide clarity to policies and procedures related to the development and maintenance of the Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements. A copy of the list is attached for your reference.

Institutional Action Required

Florida College System (FCS) institutions and school district career centers should review the Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements List and ensure local policies are in place to award credit as outlined in the agreement. They should also update their institutional resources to reflect changes in the Gold Standard rule language, specifically the increased amount of time now provided for the guarantee of college credit.

FCS institutions, district career centers and school districts should provide information on articulation agreements to academic advisors, school counselors, program faculty and other staff responsible for student advising.

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School districts are encouraged to:

- Promote industry certifications and the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements to students, particularly those who may qualify for the Gold Seal Career and Professional Education Act Bright Futures scholarship or those students pursuing the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway graduation option;
- Incorporate into their registration process discussion on industry certifications and the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements as students begin to select courses for the 2025-26 academic year; and
- Integrate the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements into their Return-on-Investment notification to parents and students that is required in s. 1003.02, F.S.

Please contact Yolanda Singletary, Educational Policy Analyst, at Yolanda.Singletary@fldoe.org or 850-245-9028 if you have any questions.

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Attachment

cc: Florida College System Workforce Administrators
School District Secondary CTE Directors
School District Postsecondary CTE Directors