

District Career and Technical Education Directors

**SECONDARY BI-MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

December 1, 2014 — 1:30 p.m.

**888-670-3525** Code: **6462531478**

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION UPDATE**..... Rod Duckworth

**PROGRAM UPDATE** ..... Kathleen Taylor

**BUDGET, ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE** ..... Tara Goodman

**GRANTS/COMPLIANCE UPDATE** ..... Gloria Spradley-Brown

**ISSUES/QUESTIONS FROM DISTRICTS**

I want information regarding as to how we will record student’s earning of CAPE Digital Tools.

We have two concerns regarding Industry Certifications:

1. Timing Limitation of 30 days between students being able to test. In our county (Alachua) we have 6 periods a day. In two of our schools, they have gone to a block schedule so that students have the opportunity to earn more credits. This is a great opportunity for the students, but limits them on the industry exams - particularly the Microsoft Office Certification. Students in year long courses have a big advantage over students on a block schedule. Can we propose that students on a "block" system may test every 15 days?

2. Also with the timing limitation, when a teacher is teaching Microsoft Office Word, they normally go ahead and administer the Industry Exam when students have mastered the material. Then they begin teaching Excel. If a student misses passing the Word certification by a few points, they now must wait 30 days to retest, but the teacher has gone on to Excel, PowerPoint, other curriculum standards, (etc.). While we agree with the limitation of limiting a student to test 3 times in a year for one certification, the timeline guidelines that Certiport have in place should be sufficient and fair for students participating in these programs. Is there any possibility of changing this requirement?

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