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FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.

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SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0576, Florida Administrative Code, CAPE Industry Certification Funding List**

On May 29, 2024, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-6.0576, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. This amendment is in accordance with Section 1008.44, Florida Statutes, which requires the Department of Education to adopt a CAPE Industry Certification Funding List. The rule amendments include the following changes:

1. Adopted an updated 2023-24 CAPE funding list with updated weights for new industry certifications with new articulation agreements;
2. Added new sections for implementation of the 0.3 Career and technical education (CTE) pathway funding from language added to statute due to SB 240 (2023), amending (s.) 1011.64(1)(o), F.S.;
3. Clarified language in existing sections of rule 6A-6.0576 F.A.C. on Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding eligibility;
4. Adopted the Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Industry Certification Linkage List for 2023-24;
5. Adopted the Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitution;
6. Adopted an updated FCAPE-05 CAPE Digital Tool Certificate Submission Form; and
7. Adopted of the new FCAPE-06 Florida Career and Professional Education Act Funding and Program Request form.

A copy of the rule can be found at the following link:

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=6A-6.0576>

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The following summarizes the impact of these rule actions:

- The 2023-24 CAPE funding list with updated weights for new industry certifications with new articulation agreements is available at the following link: <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/8904/urlt/2324CAPECertFundList.xlsx> . The updated funding weights will take effect for the 2023-24 school year and will be funded in the 2024-25 FEFP.
- The new section (7) outlines the request window for certifications eligible for FEFP funding. Approved program to certification linkages submitted through the FCAPE-06 form will be included on the annual Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Industry Certification Linkage List for programs or programs of study identified on the Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions List.
- The FCAPE-06 Florida Career and Professional Education Act Funding and Program Request form will be used for school districts to request Industry Certification for FEFP Funding Eligibility and Secondary Career and Technical Education Program Linkages. School districts may request an industry certification approved on the Master Credentials List for FEFP funding eligibility and industry certification linkages to secondary career and technical education program or program of study during an annual submission window. The submission window for each academic year will be open from March 5 to April 1, preceding the beginning of the K-12 academic year.
- The new section (11) outlines the Conditions for FEFP calculation of the 0.3 FTE for Career Pathways Completion. The ‘2023-24 Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Industry Certification Linkage List’ and 2023-24 Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions List will be used in the 2024-25 FEFP calculation for the 0.3 funding. The 2023-24 Secondary Career and Technical Education Program to Industry Certification Linkage List and 2023-24 Secondary Career and Technical Education Programs and Associated Courses with Dual Enrollment Course Substitutions List can be found at the following link: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/cape-secondary/fefpresources.stml>.
- The FCAPE-05 CAPE Digital Tool Certificate Submission Form was updated to include the correct window date for submission.

Action Required

School districts may download the updated 2023-24 Appendix Z which includes the updated funding weights for the certifications with new articulation agreements.

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School Districts may review the new sections (7) and (11) on implementation of the 0.3 Career and technical education pathway funding. There are no additional reporting requirements for the calculation. The department is continuing to work on programing on the back end for the calculation.

If you have any questions please contact Kaitlin Vickers, CAPE Industry Certification Manager, at industrycertification@fldoe.org or 850-245-9030.

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