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MEMORANDUM:

TO: District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents
Technical College Directors
District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Directors
Florida College System Workforce Administrators

FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D., Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

DATE: June 26, 2024

SUBJECT: **Approval of Rule 6A-14.096, Florida Administrative Code, Site Determined Associate in Applied Science and Associate in Science Degree Access**

On May 29, 2024, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-14.096, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Site Determined Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree Access. This Rule is in accordance with Section 1007.331, Florida Statutes, and establishes a process for charter technical career centers and school district career centers to seek approval from the State Board of Education to offer A.A.S. and A.S. programs for the purpose of meeting district, regional, or statewide workforce needs.

Proposals will include:

- A description of the program to be offered;
- The workforce demand and unmet need for graduates of the program;
- A description of how the application intends to address general education college credit coursework; and
- A summary of how the applicant engaged in need, demand and impact discussions with the FCS institution in its service district and other postsecondary education providers.

The Rule also establishes an accountability process and report the career center or technical college will need to submit to the department annually. The annual report will include:

- Updates on obtaining and maintaining Council on Occupational Education accreditation.
- Maintaining qualified faculty and institutional resources.

- Maintaining enrollment in previously approved programs.
- Managing fiscal resources appropriately.
- Additional indicators including program completions and job placements.

A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

Additional information regarding Rule 6A-14.096 including the approval process with required intent, proposal and accountability forms, can be found at the following link:

<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/sd-as-aas-approval.stml>

For questions regarding the approval process, please email CAE_SiteDetermined@fldoe.org. For other questions contact Ashley Yopp, Associate Vice Chancellor of Career and Technical Education, at Ashley.Yopp@fldoe.org.

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