

Statewide Email

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TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
Florida College System Workforce Administrators
District Adult Education Directors
Florida College System Adult Education Directors

Via: Chancellor2@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: Open Door Notification

Colleagues,

The Department of Education plans to initiate rule development for the new Rule 6A-20.045, Florida Administrative Code, Open Door Grant Program. The purpose of this rule is to specify the procedures for implementation of the grant program at school district postsecondary technical career centers, charter technical career centers and Florida College System institutions.

In 2021, House Bill 1507 created section 1009.895, Florida Statutes, to establish the Open Door Grant Program. Funded for the 2021-2022 fiscal year at \$35 million dollars, the program is designed to increase the interest of current and future residents, particularly adult learners, in short-term, high-demand career and technical education credentialing, certificate and integrated education and training programs. The bill was signed by Governor DeSantis on June 24, 2021.

The Department plans to hold a rule workshop on **July 16, 2021, from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT** via webinar. You may register for the workshop at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6608994386256613388>.

Please visit our website for updated information regarding rule development: <https://web02.fldoe.org/Rules/Default.aspx>.

Sincerely,

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