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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Ashley Meros, Chancellor, Ph.D.

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0200, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.)
Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program**

On February 20, 2026, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-6.0200, F.A.C., which establishes the requirements for the GATE program. This rule sets key definitions; outlines requirements related to program operations, partnerships and program notification; and establishes enrollment and reporting requirements. The following is an overview of the revisions:

1. Clarified partnerships for offering the GATE program to state that eligible institutions identified in subsection (2) of the rule may partner with school districts to provide the adult education program component of the GATE program.
2. Added the following requirements for completing the FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary form:
 - a. If a school district or Florida College System institution operates more than one career center, a separate FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary form must be submitted for each institution seeking to offer the GATE program.
 - b. School districts that operate a career center and also maintain one or more independent instructional sites for adult education may utilize these sites to deliver the GED® Preparation and Adult High School (AHS) components of the GATE program. An independent instructional site is a school that is not reported under the career center but operates under and reports through the same school district as the career center.
 - c. GATE students must be permitted to select any Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offered by the career center or Florida College System institution that is an applied technology diploma or a career certificate program included on the Master Credentials List, except where enrollment is legally restricted due to programmatic requirements. The physical location of a student's enrollment in GED® Preparation or AHS cannot be used as a basis to restrict or limit access to CTE programs. GATE students must be allowed to select eligible CTE programs offered by the career center regardless of where adult education instruction is delivered.

Ashley Meros, Ph.D.
Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

3. The FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary Form was amended to:
 - a. clarify different types of contact information needed;
 - b. capture the applicant and course offering information, including information on multiple instructional sites; and
 - c. provide more detailed instructions and a chart key to assist institutions with completing the CTE Program Offerings section more accurately.

No action is required for currently approved GATE programs at this time. The Adult Education Bureau will contact agencies if updates are needed. A copy of the rule and updated FGATE-01 GATE Program Summary Form are attached for your reference.

Please contact GATEProgram@fldoe.org for any questions related to the GATE program.

AYM/cb

Attachment

cc: Kathryn Hebda, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges
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School District Technical College Directors
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