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DFC Memorandum Number: 2026-05**Contact:** Yolanda Singletary**Email:** yolanda.singletary@fldoe.org**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Florida College System Presidents
School District Superintendents
School District Technical College Directors

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.0401, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements**

On February 20, 2026, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-10.0401, F.A.C., Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements. This rule is in accordance with Section (s.) 1007.23, Florida Statutes (F.S.), which provides for the use of statewide articulation across and among Florida's educational entities. Incorporated within the rule is the adoption of the 2025-26 Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements List. A copy of the list is attached for your reference.

Institutional Action Required

Florida College System (FCS) institutions and school district career centers should review the Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements List and ensure local policies are in place to award credit as outlined in those agreements. All Gold Standard agreements referenced in the list can be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-technical-edu-agreements/industry-certification.stml>.

FCS institutions, district career centers and school districts should provide information on articulation agreements to academic advisors, school counselors, program faculty and other staff responsible for student advising.

School districts are encouraged to:

- Promote industry certifications and the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements to students, particularly those who may qualify for the Gold Seal Career and Professional Education Act Bright Futures scholarship, those students pursuing the Industry Scholar Diploma Designation or those pursuing the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway graduation option;

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- Incorporate into their registration process discussion on industry certifications and the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements as students begin to select courses for the 2026-27 academic year; and
- Integrate the use of Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements into their Return-on-Investment notification to parents and students that is required in s. 1003.02, F.S.

Please contact Yolanda Singletary, Educational Policy Analyst, at Yolanda.Singletary@fldoe.org or 850-245-9028, if you have any questions.

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Attachment

cc: Florida College System Workforce Administrators
School District Secondary CTE Directors
School District Postsecondary CTE Directors