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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
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State University Admissions Directors

FROM: Jeanine Blomberg

SUBJECT: Dual Enrollment Credit for Approved Statewide Programs

In support of Florida's goal of promoting highest student achievement, the Department of Education recognizes the merit of statewide programs that promote civic education and award college credit through dual enrollment. Three such programs: *Boys State*, *Girls State*, and the *Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government Civic Leadership Academy* offer students statewide this opportunity. The Florida American Legion and the Florida American Legion Auxiliary offer Boys State and Girls State Leadership Programs at Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University. The Civic Leadership Academy, recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching, is a two-week intensive academy offered at the University of Central Florida. These programs provide delegates structured learning experiences about democratic political processes and opportunities to participate in political procedures.

This memo is a reminder to school districts that pursuant to s. 1007.271(17), F.S.:

"The Commissioner of Education may approve dual enrollment agreements for limited course offerings that have statewide appeal. Such programs shall be limited to a single site with multiple county participation."

These programs benefit students statewide and are, therefore, approved for student participation via dual enrollment. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn postsecondary credit for POS X112 *State and Local Government*, and 0.5 high school social studies elective credit.

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Some districts have established policies that limit dual enrollment course options to those listed on the Articulation Coordinating Committee *Dual Enrollment Course Equivalency List* and therefore have not recognized dual enrollment credit earned in other postsecondary courses. It is important to note that this list identifies only those courses that are guaranteed to meet high school subject area requirements. It does not contain all of the courses available for dual enrollment and is not intended to restrict dual enrollment course options. Current law allows for any course in the Statewide Course Numbering System, with the exception of remedial courses and physical education skills courses, to be offered as dual enrollment. Hundreds of college courses not included on the *Dual Enrollment Course Equivalency List*, including the above POS X112, are available for eligible students through the dual enrollment program and count as high school elective credit.

For additional information about Florida's Boys State or Girls State programs, please contact:

The American Legion Department of Florida
ATTN: Boys State
P.O. Box 547936
Orlando, FL 32854-7936
407-295-2631
fal@fllegion.newsouth.net

Florida American Legion Auxiliary
ATTN: Girls State
P.O. Box 547917
Orlando, FL 32854-7917
407-293-7411
robin@alaf1.org

For additional information about The Lou Frey Civic Leadership Academy, please contact:

Dr. Don Dobson
Director, Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government
University of Central Florida
P.O. Box 161356
Orlando, FL 32816-1356
407-823-4018
<http://www.loufrey.org>

For additional information on dual enrollment policies, please contact:

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