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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
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FROM: Lucy D. Hadi

SUBJECT: Major Areas of Interest and CTE Courses on the Proposed Practical Arts List

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Recently, 215 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses were proposed to satisfy the Fine Arts graduation requirement. As many students will be taking advantage of this opportunity, it is important to remember that a CTE course from the list used to satisfy the Fine Arts graduation requirement can not be used as one of the student's four Major Area of Interest (MAI) courses.

Because a student may not use core requirements as MAI courses, the student would need to take an additional course within their chosen MAI. For example, if a student's MAI is Math they would have to take the four math courses required for graduation plus an additional four math courses. If their MAI is BUS ED - Web Design Services and they are enrolled in Web Design 1 (which they intend to use to meet their Fine Arts graduation requirement) they would not be able to use Web Design 1 as one of the courses to meet their four credit MAI requirements and, therefore, would need to choose an additional course within the BUS ED - Web Design Services course list to satisfy the MAI requirement.

The following links may be helpful: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/pdf/ListPracticalArtsCourses.pdf> (link to Practical Arts Course list); and <http://www.fldoe.org/faq/default.asp?Dept=311&ID=1117> (link for MAI answers).

Please direct any questions to Jodi Tillman at the contact information listed above.

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