Attachment

Workforce Education Tuition and Fees
2009-2010

The 2009 General Appropriations Act amended the tuition and fees policies for 2009-2010. The following changes to tuition levels for 2009-2010 were included:

- **Effective July 1, 2009, the standard tuition was increased to $1.91 for Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas and $0.94 for Adult General Education.**

According to the workforce development fees statute, section 1009.22(3)(e), Florida Statutes (F.S.), a district's tuition must be within five percent (5%) of the standard tuition (above or below) and out of state fee, if applicable. **Therefore, the 2009-2010 standard tuition range for certificate programs is $1.81 to $2.01 and the range for Adult General Education is $0.89 to $0.99.** *NOTE: If a district's 2008-2009 standard tuition falls within the range above, the school board is not required to raise tuition in 2009-2010. For example, if a district's 2008-2009 Career Certificate (PSAV) tuition was $1.76, the new tuition for 2009-2010 must be increased (at a minimum) to $1.81 in order to be within five percent of the standard tuition of $1.91.*

The tables found on the next pages provide a summary of the charges allowed for the program areas of Career Certificates (PSAV), Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD), and Adult General Education (AGE). The summary includes ranges for tuition, out-of-state fees, the full cost of instruction and the optional fees for student financial aid, capital improvement and technology. **Please note that effective July 1, 2009, school districts are permitted to collect a technology fee for the purpose of enhancing instructional technology resources for students and faculty.**

Student financial aid, capital improvement and technology fees are **discretionary and are therefore not required**. However, it is important to note that if these fees are charged, the amount allowed to be charged for these two fees varies. If student financial aid fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is 10% of tuition (for residents) or 10% of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for non-residents). Thus, the amount charged for student financial aid can be any percent **up to 10%**. If capital improvement or technology fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is five percent (5%) of tuition (for residents) or five percent (5%) of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for non-residents). Thus, the amount allowed to be charged for a capital improvement or technology fee is any percent **up to five percent (5%)**.

Most students enrolled in Adult General Education courses are fee exempt. Section 1009.25(1), F.S., addresses the specific requirements for fee exemption. In summary, students who meet the following criteria are considered to be fee-exempt while enrolled in any adult basic, adult secondary, or career-preparatory instruction: (1) a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, or (2) a student who has a high school diploma or its equivalent and who has academic skills at or below the eighth grade level as measured by the Tests for Adult Basic Education (TABE).

Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas			
RESIDENT	**Standard Fee Rate**	**Minimum Fee Rate (1)**	**Maximum Fee Rate (1)**
Tuition	1.91	1.81	2.01
Student Financial Aid **(2)** *(10% of Tuition)*	0.19	0.18	0.20
Capital Improvement Fee **(2)** *(5% of Tuition)*	0.10	0.09	0.10
Technology Fee **(2)** *(5% of Tuition)*	0.10	0.09	0.10
NONRESIDENT	**Standard Fee Rate**	**Minimum Fee Rate (1)**	**Maximum Fee Rate (1)**
Tuition	1.91	1.81	2.01
Out-of-State Fee	5.73	5.43	6.03
Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee	7.64	7.24	8.04
Student Financial Aid **(2)** *(10% of Tuition +Out-of-State Fee)*	0.76	0.72	0.80
Capital Improvement Fee **(2)** *(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)*	0.38	0.36	0.40
Technology Fee **(2)** *(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)*	0.38	0.36	0.40

(1) Five percent (5%) above or below the standard tuition is permissible according to s.1009.22(3)(f), F.S.

(2) Student Financial Aid, Capital Improvement, and Technology Fees are discretionary and are not required.

Adult General Education [3] (for Non-fee exempt or Non-fee waived students)			
RESIDENT	**Standard Fee Rate**	**Minimum Fee Rate [1]**	**Maximum Fee Rate [1]**
Tuition	0.94	0.89	0.99
Student Financial Aid [2] *(10% of Tuition)*	0.09	0.09	0.10
Capital Improvement Fee [2] *(5% of Tuition)*	0.05	0.05	0.05
Technology Fee [2] *(5% of Tuition)*	0.05	0.05	0.05
NONRESIDENT	**Standard Fee Rate**	**Minimum Fee Rate [1]**	**Maximum Fee Rate [1]**
Tuition	0.94	0.89	0.99
Out-of-State Fee	2.82	2.67	2.97
Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee	3.76	3.56	3.96
Student Financial Aid [2] *(10% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)*	0.38	0.36	0.40
Capital Improvement Fee [2] *(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)*	0.19	0.18	0.20
Technology Fee [2] *(5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)*	0.19	0.18	0.20

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(2) Student Financial Aid, Capital Improvement, and Technology Fees are discretionary and are not required.

(3) Most students enrolled in Adult General Education courses are fee exempt. See sections 1009.22(2) and 1009.25(1), F.S., for specific statutory requirements.

Continuing Workforce Education (CWE)

In 1999, the method for establishing fees for Continuing Workforce Education shifted to local school districts. Section 1009.22(3)(b), Florida Statutes (F.S.), states:

> Fees for continuing workforce education shall be locally determined by the school board. However, at least 50 percent of the expenditures for the continuing workforce education program provided by the school district must be derived from fees.

Statutory References for Fees

Tuition Statutes
The following are the current statutory references related to Workforce Fees.

Section 1009.22, F.S., Workforce education postsecondary student fees.
Section 1009.25, F.S., organizes all fee exemptions for all sectors.
Section 1009.26, F.S., organizes all fee waivers for all sectors.
Section 1009.27, F.S., organizes references to fee deferrals for all sectors.

Standard Tuition
Effective July 1, 2009, standard tuition shall be $1.91 per contact hour for programs leading to a career certificate or an applied technology diploma and $0.94 for adult general education programs (see specific Appropriation 111 in the 2009 General Appropriations Act – SB 2600). Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of five percent (5%) below to five percent (5%) above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable (section 1009.22(3)(e), F.S.).

Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and each year thereafter, the standard tuition per contact hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, **unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act**. The inflation rate will be reported by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the State Board of Education each year prior to March 1.
Note: Since the fee was included in the General Appropriations Act, this inflationary increase does not apply for 2009-2010.

Nonresident Fees
As found in section 1009.22(3)(c), F.S., beginning July 1, 2008, "The out-of-state fee per contact hour shall be three times the standard tuition per contact hour."

Financial Aid Fee
School districts are ***permitted*** to collect, for financial aid purposes, up to an additional 10 percent of the student fees collected for *workforce development education programs* as stated in section 1009.22(5), F.S.

Capital Improvement Fee
School districts are ***permitted*** to collect a separate capital improvement fee for capital improvements, technology enhancements, or equipping buildings which may not exceed five percent (5%) of the tuition fee for resident students or five percent (5%) of the tuition and out-of-state fee for nonresident students. For additional information see section 1009.22(6), F.S.

Technology Fee
School districts are permitted to collect a separate technology fee, effective July 1, 2009. Section 1009.22(7), F.S. addresses the statutory requirements. According to the statute, "Each district school board and community college board of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for technology, not to exceed five percent (5%) of tuition per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident students and not to exceed five percent (5%) of tuition and the out-of-state fee per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident students. Revenues generated from the technology fee shall be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty and shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program…"

Other Fees
Section 1009.22(8) and (9), F.S., states:

> (8) Each district school board is authorized to establish specific fees for workforce development instruction not reported for state funding purposes or for workforce development instruction not reported as state funded full-time equivalent students. District school boards and district boards of trustees are not required to charge any other fee specified in this section for this type of instruction.
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> (9) District school boards are not authorized to charge students enrolled in workforce development programs any fee that is not specifically authorized by statute. In addition to matriculation, tuition, financial aid, capital improvement, and technology fees, as authorized in this section, district school boards are authorized to establish fee schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or microfilming fees, standardized testing fees; diploma replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation fees; and late fees related to registration and payment. Such user fees and fines shall not exceed the cost of services provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the service.

Fee Exemptions
Fee exemptions are defined in section 1009.25, F.S.

Fee Waivers
Fee Waivers are defined in section 1009.26, F.S. School districts may provide fee waivers for programs funded through Workforce Development Education appropriations for up to eight percent (8%) of the fee revenues that would otherwise be collected.

Differential Out-of-State Fee
Section 1009.22(4), F.S., provides that a district school board that has a service area that borders another state may implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee.

Vocational Preparatory Instruction
There has been some confusion about fees for Vocational-Preparatory instruction. The Department now considers Vocational-Preparatory instruction as an Adult Education course. Students receiving this instruction are fee-exempt, if they satisfy the fee exemption criteria for Adult Education students. However, section 1009.22(3)(a), F.S., states: “Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in vocational-preparatory instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged for certificate career education instruction.”

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