

**Attachment**  
**Workforce Education Tuition and Fees**  
**2019-20**

The 2019 General Appropriations Act did not include any changes to the standard tuition and fees rate for 2019-20. **Effective July 1, 2019, the following standard rates of tuition are in effect:**

- **For Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas, \$2.33 per contact hour.**
- **For adult general education, a block tuition rate of \$45.00 per half year, or \$30.00 per term.**

According to the workforce development fees statute, section (s.) 1009.22(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), a district's tuition must be within five percent (above or below) of the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable. For career certificate and applied technology diploma programs, students who are classified as non-residents for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21, F.S., have a required out-of-state fee in addition to the tuition.

The tables found on the next pages provide a summary of the rates allowed for the program areas of Career Certificates (also known as PSAV), Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD) and Adult General Education (AGE). The summary includes ranges for tuition; out-of-state fees; and the optional fees for student financial aid, capital improvement and technology. See the table on page 2 for the minimum and maximum tuition ranges for career certificate programs and page 3 for the minimum and maximum block tuition ranges for adult general education.

**Career Certificate/Applied Technology Diplomas, 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 varies. If student financial aid fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is ten percent of tuition (for residents) or ten percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for nonresidents). Thus, the amount charged for student financial aid can be any percent **up to 10 percent**. If capital improvement or technology fees are charged, the highest amount allowed is five percent of tuition (for residents) or five percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fee (for nonresidents). Thus, the amount allowed to be charged for a capital improvement or technology fee is any percent **up to five percent**.

<b>Career Certificates/Applied Technology Diplomas</b>			
<b>RESIDENT</b>	<b>Standard Fee Rate</b>	<b>Minimum Fee Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Fee Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Tuition</b>	2.33	2.22	2.44
<b>Student Financial Aid <sup>(2)</sup></b> (10% of Tuition)	0.23	0.22	0.24
<b>Capital Improvement Fee <sup>(2)</sup></b> (5% of Tuition)	0.11	0.11	0.12
<b>Technology Fee <sup>(2)</sup></b> (5% of Tuition)	0.11	0.11	0.12
<b>NONRESIDENT</b>	<b>Standard Fee Rate</b>	<b>Minimum Fee Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Fee Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Tuition</b>	2.33	2.22	2.44
<b>Full Cost: Standard Tuition + Out-of-State Fee</b>	9.32	8.86	9.78
<b>Student Financial Aid <sup>(2)</sup></b> (10% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)	0.93	0.88	0.97
<b>Capital Improvement Fee <sup>(2)</sup></b> (5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)	0.46	0.44	0.48
<b>Technology Fee <sup>(2)</sup></b> (5% of Tuition + Out-of-State Fee)	0.46	0.44	0.48

- (1) Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of five percent below to five percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable pursuant to s. 1009.22(3)(d), F.S.
- (2) Student Financial Aid, Capital Improvement and Technology Fees are discretionary and are not required.

<b>Adult General Education</b>			
	<b>Standard Rate</b>	<b>Minimum Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Block Tuition (Per half year)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	45.00	42.75	47.25
	<b>Standard Rate</b>	<b>Minimum Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Rate <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Block Tuition (Per term)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	30.00	28.50	31.50

- (1) Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of five percent below to five percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable pursuant to s. 1009.22(3)(d), F.S.
- (2) Tuition does not vary based on instructional hours scheduled or number of Adult General Education programs in which the student is enrolled.

## 2019 Legislative Changes

### **Fee Waivers for Survivors of First Responders and Military Members**

Chapter 2019-024, Laws of Florida creates the following Florida statutes:

- Section 112.1912, F.S., to establish educational benefits for children and spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2019. The benefits are similar to the benefits currently provided under ss. 112.19 and 112.191, F.S. However, the eligibility for benefits is expanded to include any first responders accidentally killed while engaged in the performance of their official duties and paramedics and EMTs killed while engaged in the performance of their duties.
- Section 295.061, F.S., to establish an educational benefit for survivors of service members killed while on active duty. The benefits mirror the benefits pursuant to s. 112.1912, F.S.

And amends:

- Section 250.34, F.S., to make the survivors of the members of the Florida National Guard killed accidentally or receives accidental bodily injury resulting in death eligible for the educational benefits provided in s. 112.1912, F.S.

Chapter 2019-116, Laws of Florida amends s.1009.25, F.S., to exempt “a student who is or was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in the custody of a relative or nonrelative under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997” from the payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that provides workforce education programs, Florida College System, institution, or state university. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education instruction and remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

## Statutory References for Fees

### **Tuition Statutes**

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

- s. 1009.21, F.S., Determination of resident status for tuition purposes
- s. 1009.22, F.S., Workforce education postsecondary student fees
- s. 1009.25, F.S., Fee exemptions
- s. 1009.26, F.S., Fee waivers
- s. 1009.27, F.S., Deferral of fees
- s. 1011.80(10), F.S., Funds for operation of workforce education programs

### **Standard Tuition and Nonresident Fees**

Standard tuition shall be \$2.33 per contact hour for programs leading to a career certificate or an applied technology diploma. A block tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term shall be assessed for students enrolled in adult general education (s. 1009.22(3)(c), F.S.). Each district school board may adopt tuition that is within the range of five percent below to five percent above the standard tuition and out-of-state fee, if applicable (s. 1009.22(3)(d), F.S.). For career certificate programs, the out-of-state fees must be charged to students classified as nonresidents for tuition purposes, in addition to the tuition.

### **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 s. 1009.22(5), F.S. This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 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 of the tuition fee for resident students or five percent of the tuition and out-of-state fee for nonresident students. For additional information, see s. 1009.22(6), F.S. This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 1009.22(3), F.S.).

### **Technology Fee**

School districts are **permitted** to collect a separate technology fee. 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 5 percent of tuition per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident students and not to exceed 5 percent 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." This fee may not be collected for adult general education programs (s. 1009.22(3), F.S.).

### **Other Fees**

Sections 1009.22(8) and (9), F.S., state:

(8) Each district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees 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 Florida College System institution boards of trustees are not required to charge any other fee specified in this section for this type of instruction.

(9) Florida College System institution boards of trustees and 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 tuition, out-of-state, financial aid, capital improvement, and technology fees, as authorized in this section, Florida College System institution boards of trustees and 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 the services provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the service.

## **Fee Exemptions**

Fee exemptions are defined in s. 1009.25, F.S.

### Fee Exemption for Welfare Transition Participants

Section 1009.25(1)(e), F.S., allows for the exemption of payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees, for students enrolled in welfare transition programs. The exemption applies to the student for tuition and fees for career certificate, applied technology diploma and adult general education programs. The law specifies that, while the student is exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, the local workforce development board is required to pay the institution for the costs incurred for the welfare transition program participants. Welfare transition participants are individuals who are receiving temporary cash assistance from the Department of Children and Families and are required to complete work activity. The school district must receive appropriate documentation that demonstrates the individual is an active participant in the welfare transition program in order to report the exemption to the Florida Department of Education in data reporting required in the Workforce Development Information System (WDIS).

### Fee Waivers

Fee Waivers are defined in s. 1009.26, F.S. School districts may waive fees for any student not exempt from fees. The total value of the fee waivers granted by the school district may not exceed the amount established annually in the General Appropriations Act. For 2019-20, waivers for fee-nonexempt students for programs funded through Workforce Development Education appropriations may not exceed eight percent of the fee revenues that would otherwise be collected. Funds collected from standard tuition and out-of-state fees shall be used to support school district workforce education programs as defined in s. 1004.02(25), F.S., and shall not be used to support K-12 programs or district K-12 administrative indirect costs. (Chapter 2016-066, Laws of Florida)

Each Florida College System institution board of trustees, each district school board with a career center authorized under s. 1001.44, F.S., and each board of directors for a charter technical career center authorized under s. 1002.34, F.S., shall waive out-of-state fees for honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed and Reserve Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy) and the National Guard (Army and Air) or any other student who is entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who physically resides in Florida while enrolled as a degree or certificate seeking student. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged a resident student enrolled in the same program.

### **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.

### **Applied Academics**

According to s. 1009.22(3)(a), F.S., fee-nonexempt students enrolled in applied academics for adult education instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged for adult general education programs.

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