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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
School District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Jacob Oliva, Senior Chancellor
Henry Mack, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

DATE: October 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Program Certification Requirements for Secondary Automotive Service Technology (AST) Programs

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Section (s.) 1004.925, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires that all automotive service technology programs be industry certified in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education. In 2011, the State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-6.05731, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the certification requirements for these programs. In addition, the statute specifies the following:

Effective with the 2013-2014 fiscal year, students enrolled in an automotive service technology education program that is not industry certified pursuant to this section shall not be eligible to be reported for state funding.

When reviewing each school's compliance with this rule, the Division of Career and Adult Education analyzes the three most recent years of reported enrollment, as well as certification dates provided by the certifying agency. For the 2021-2022 reporting year, enrollment in 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 will be used to determine which institutions are required to meet s. 1004.925, F.S. Institutions that do not meet the requirements during a survey week would be ineligible to report enrollments for funding. The survey weeks for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows:

Survey 2: October 11-15, 2021
Survey 3: February 7-11, 2022

The process the division uses for determining institutions that may be out of compliance is as follows:

1. Determine institutions that reported enrollment in at least one AST program in the 2018-2019 or prior reporting years.
2. Determine which institutions also reported enrollment for 2019-2020 and/or 2020-2021. This includes enrollment in programs teaching AST standards in another program such as transportation technology.
3. Determine if the institution will be certified during the survey week.

If an institution had enrollment in 2018-2019, but is no longer offering an AST program, the district may continue to receive a letter once the institution falls out of compliance, unless the following items are fulfilled:

- The institution has no reported enrollment for two full years; or
- The institution has no reported enrollment for one full year, and the division has received a letter from the Career and Technical Education director notifying us of closure of the program; or
- If the school was certified, the division has received a letter from the certifying agency confirming closure of the program.

Attached to this memo, you will find an enrollment history for the past three years (2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021) for all secondary institutions that reported enrollment in an AST program in 2018-2019.

Schools identified in the attachment that are not certified by the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation or whose certification expires before the survey dates will not be able to report enrollment for funding. These institutions may contact Bob Blevins at 850-245-9015 or Robert.Blevins@fldoe.org to provide accreditation documentation or discuss accreditation status. He may also be contacted if the program at a school falls under the accreditation of another school site or if you have questions regarding the current status of the accreditation for a school's AST program.

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Attachment