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Financial Literacy Act

- Senate Bill (SB) 1054 (2022), the “Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act,” revised the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives. The financial literacy graduation requirement will be in place for the cohort of high school freshmen in the 2023-2024 school year.
- [Florida Department of Education \(FDOE\) Memorandum DPS: 2022-87: SB 1054 – Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act; Call for Workgroup Members](#)

Financial Literacy, continued

Standard High School Diploma

- A student entering grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year must earn eight credits in electives.
- A student entering grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year must earn seven and one-half credits in electives and one-half credit in personal financial literacy and money management.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Graduation Pathway

- A student who enters grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year must earn two credits in electives or work-based learning programs under the CTE pathway diploma option. A one-half credit in financial literacy may be included in the two credits of electives.
- A student who enters grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter must earn one and one-half credits in electives or work-based learning programs, and one-half credit in financial literacy.

Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) Option

- A student who enters grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year must earn three credits in electives.
- A student who enters grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter must earn two and one-half credits in electives and one-half credit in financial literacy.
- All students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Military Student Enrollment Senate Bill 633 (2023)

[Section \(s.\) 1003.05, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)

was amended to read:

- Dependent children of active duty military personnel who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic programs offered through public schools must be enrolled in such program if the student's parent is transferred to the state during the school year.
- A student whose parent is transferred within the state after the controlled open enrollment window may enroll in any school within the state.

Removal of Online Course Requirement for Graduation (HB 1, 2023)

- [Section 1003.4282\(15\)\(4\), F.S.](#), Requirements for a standard high school diploma, have been amended to remove the online course requirement for graduation.
- This change took effect on July 1, 2023.

Career Education Courses Added to Satisfy Performing/Fine Art Requirement for Graduation (HB 1537, 2023)

Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma

- [Section 1003.4282\(3\)\(e\), F.S.](#), is amended to read:
 - One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or CTE.
- A practical arts course that incorporates artistic content and techniques of creativity, interpretation and imagination satisfies the one credit requirement in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or CTE.

Senate Bill 196 – Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning

- Parental notification for students entering high school to include: career and professional academies; career-themed courses; the CTE pathway to earn a standard high school diploma; work-based learning opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; foundational and soft-skill credentialing programs; and contact information of a certified school counselor.
- Middle grades career and education planning course to include: the CTE pathway to earn a standard high school diploma and work-based learning opportunities, including internships and apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs.

Senate Bill 240 – Education

- Work-based learning in high school.
- Annual career fair at each high school.
- District controlled open enrollment process.
- Parental notification of acceleration, academic, and career planning options.
- Middle grades career and education planning course.
- CAPE Digital Tool certificates.
- High school arts credit to include CTE.
- Career education courses that satisfy high school credit requirements.
- Workgroup to convene on pathways.
- Renames Merit designation to Industry Scholar designation.
- CAPE Industry Certification Funding List.
- Weighted funding.
- Educator certification/master inservice plan.



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Florida School Counseling Standards Rule 6A-5.079, F.A.C.

Purpose

During the 2022 Legislative Session, HB 1557 passed.

- By June 30, 2023, FDOE shall review and update, as necessary, school counseling frameworks and standards; educator practices and professional conduct principles; and any other student services personnel guidelines, standards or frameworks in accordance with the requirements of this act.
- Student support services training developed or provided by a school district to school district personnel must adhere to student services guidelines, standards and frameworks established by FDOE ([s. 1001.42\(8\), F.S.](#)).

Rule 6A-5.079, F.A.C., was adopted by the State Board of Education on May 24, 2023.

The approved rule is posted at

https://www.flrules.org/gateway/View_Notice.asp?id=26864070.

School Counseling Standards

- **Standard 1.** Professional, Legal and Ethical Expectations
- **Standard 2.** Data-Driven Planning
- **Standard 3.** School Counseling Program
- **Standard 4.** Consultation, Collaboration and Coordination
- **Standard 5.** Counseling Services
- **Standard 6.** Academic Advising and Planning
- **Standard 7.** Career Development and Postsecondary Planning



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