

Rights of Students with Disabilities in CTE Programs

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1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic skills.

(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt, by rule, standards of basic skill mastery for completion of certificate career education programs. Each school district and Florida College System institution that conducts programs that confer career and technical certificates shall provide applied academics instruction through which students receive the basic skills instruction required pursuant to this section.

(2) Students who enroll in a **program offered for career credit of 450 hours or more shall complete an entry-level examination within the first 6 weeks after admission into the program.** The State Board of Education shall designate examinations that are currently in existence, the results of which are comparable across institutions, to assess student mastery of basic skills. Any student found to lack the required level of basic skills for such program shall be referred to applied academics instruction or another adult general education program for a structured program of basic skills instruction. Such instruction may include English for speakers of other languages. A student may not receive a career or technical certificate of completion without first demonstrating the basic skills required in the state curriculum frameworks for the career education program.

(3)(a) An adult student with a disability may be exempted from this section.

(b) The following students are exempt from this section:

1. A student who possesses a college degree at the associate in applied science level or higher.
2. A student who demonstrates readiness for public postsecondary education pursuant to s. [1008.30](#) and applicable rules adopted by the State Board of Education.
3. A student who passes a state or national industry certification or licensure examination that is identified in State Board of Education rules and aligned to the career education program in which the student is enrolled.
4. An adult student who is enrolled in an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Education in accordance with chapter 446.

History.—s. 234, ch. 2002-387; s. 93, ch. 2004-357; s. 14, ch. 2008-235; s. 66, ch. 2011-5; s. 49, ch. 2013-27.

6A-10.040 Basic Skills Requirements for Postsecondary Career Certificate Education.

(4) After a student completes the remediation prescribed for basic skills deficiencies, the student shall be retested using an alternative form (if possible) of the same examination that was used for initial testing. No student shall be awarded a career certificate until the student achieves the minimum level of basic skills required for that program by the Department of Education. **Adult students with disabilities, as defined in Section 1004.02(7), Florida Statutes, may be exempted from meeting the career basic skills grade levels required for completion of the career program as described in subsection (2) of this rule. Each school district and community college must adopt a policy addressing procedures for exempting eligible students with disabilities from the basic skills exit requirements as permitted in Section 1004.91(3), Florida Statutes.**

Dual Enrollment is different:

1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—(1) The dual enrollment program is the enrollment of an eligible secondary student or home education student **in a postsecondary course creditable toward high school completion and a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree.**

Students enrolled in postsecondary instruction that is not creditable toward the high school diploma shall not be classified as dual enrollments.

Vocational-preparatory instruction, college-preparatory instruction, and other forms of precollegiate instruction, as well as physical education courses that focus on the physical execution of a skill rather than the intellectual attributes of the activity, are ineligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment program.

Recreation and leisure studies courses shall be evaluated individually in the same manner as physical education courses for potential inclusion in the program.

Student qualifications must demonstrate readiness for college-level coursework if the student is to be enrolled in college courses. Student qualifications must demonstrate readiness for career-level coursework if the student is to be enrolled in career courses. In addition to the common placement examination, student qualifications for enrollment in **college credit dual enrollment courses must include a 3.0 unweighted grade point average**, and student qualifications for enrollment in **career certificate dual enrollment courses must include a 2.0 unweighted grade point average**. Exceptions to the required grade point averages may be granted if the educational entities agree and the terms of the agreement are contained within the dual enrollment interinstitutional articulation agreement. Florida College System institution boards of trustees may establish additional admissions criteria, which shall be included in the district interinstitutional articulation agreement developed according to s. [1007.235](#), to ensure student readiness for postsecondary instruction. **Additional requirements included in the agreement shall not arbitrarily prohibit students who have demonstrated the ability to master advanced courses from participating in dual enrollment courses.** District school boards may not refuse to enter into an agreement with a local Florida College System institution if that Florida College System institution has the capacity to offer dual enrollment courses.

(4) Career dual enrollment shall be provided as a curricular option for secondary students to pursue **in order to earn a series of elective credits toward the high school diploma**. Career dual enrollment shall be available for secondary students seeking a degree or certificate from a complete career-preparatory program, and **shall not be used to enroll students in isolated career courses**. It is the intent of the Legislature that career dual enrollment provide a comprehensive academic and career dual enrollment program within the career center or Florida College System institution.

(7) Early admission shall be a form of dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll in a postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that are **creditable toward the high school diploma and the associate or baccalaureate degree**. Students enrolled pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees.

(8) Career early admission is a form of career dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students **enroll full time in a career center or a Florida College System institution in courses that are creditable toward the high school diploma and the certificate or associate degree**. Participation in the career early admission program shall be limited to students who have completed a minimum of 6 semesters of full-time secondary enrollment, including studies undertaken in the ninth grade. Students enrolled pursuant to this section are exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees.

(13) Students who meet the eligibility requirements of this section and who choose to participate in dual enrollment programs are exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees.

