

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School Committee

**FROM:** Brett Dickens, Assistant Superintendent of College, Career & Life Readiness  
Angela Hedley-Mitchell, Interim Chief of Teaching and Learning

**CC:** Mary Skipper, Superintendent  
Tanya Freeman-Wisdom, Chief of Schools

**DATE:** October 8, 2025

**RE:** Regulations regarding Secondary Schools: Career and Technical Education Chapter 74 Admissions Policy, Middle School Career Exploration Policy, and Competency Determination Policy

---

Tonight we will present information regarding three policies that impact Secondary Schools and require a School Committee vote. These policies are to align with new Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulations.

The policies are listed below and linked for the School Committee's consideration:

- [District Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Chapter 74 Admissions Policy](#) (new)
- [District Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy](#) (new)
- [District Competency Determination \(CD\) Policy](#) (updated)

The CTE Chapter 74 Admissions Policy and the Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy both must be submitted to DESE on November 7. The CD Policy must be submitted to DESE by December 31. As additional guidance is shared by DESE and the Governor's Council, we will accordingly revise the CD policy for future classes and come back before the School Committee.

## Appendix: BPS Chapter 74 Programming

School	Industry Cluster	Program(s)
Madison Park	Arts and Communication Services	Design and Visual Communications
		Graphic Communications
	Business and Consumer Services	Cosmetology
		Marketing
	Construction	Carpentry
		Electricity
		Facilities Management
		Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
		Plumbing
	Healthcare	Dental Assisting
		Health Assisting (Nursing)
		Medical Assisting
	Hospitality and Tourism	Culinary Arts
		Hospitality Management
	Information Technology Services	Information Support Services and Networking
	Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology	Metal Fabrication
	Transportation	Automotive Technology
		Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
English High	Arts and Communication Services	Radio & Television Broadcasting
		Graphic Design & Visual Communication
		Design & Visual Communications
	Healthcare	Health Assisting & Wellness
	Information Technology Services	Programming & Web Development
Boston Arts Academy	Arts and Communication Services	Design and Visual Communications
	Business and Consumer Services	Fashion Technology
	Arts and Communication Services	Multimedia Entertainment and Production (MEP)
Edward M Kennedy	Healthcare	Medical Assisting
		Health Assisting
Boston Green Academy	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Environmental Science and Technology