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Dear Florida Parents,

In 2023, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1537, directing the Florida Department of Education (Department) to develop advanced courses and corresponding assessments through the Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT) program. This program is available to public school districts and charter schools in Florida. The Department has since developed initial courses in College Algebra and U.S. History, with additional courses under development. The status of the initial FACT courses is outlined below.

- The FACT College Algebra course was the first course developed under the program, with a pilot launched during the 2025-26 academic year. More than 800 students at 32 schools are enrolled in this pilot. The course will be fully implemented statewide in the 2026-27 academic year.

- The FACT U.S. History course is currently in development. A pilot is scheduled for the 2026-27 academic year, with statewide implementation expected in 2027-28. Interested public school district superintendents and charter school principals are encouraged to participate in the pilot for the upcoming academic year and may register by May 18th.

Students who complete a FACT course, including during pilot phases, and earn a qualifying score on the corresponding assessment will receive college credit upon enrollment at a postsecondary institution that accepts Florida's credit-by-exam list. All Florida public postsecondary institutions accept this list. In addition, for those who earn a qualifying score in FACT U.S. History, the assessment will also satisfy Florida's civic literacy requirement.

The FACT program reflects Florida's continued commitment to expanding high-quality academic opportunities for students. This program gives students another pathway to earn meaningful college credit and strengthen preparation for postsecondary education.

Florida continues to lead the nation in education, and programs like FACT help maintain the standard it has set for the rest of the country.

God bless,

Anastasios Kamoutsas