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**COLLEGE COST SAVINGS THROUGH INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS
NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

Industry certifications earned through Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs can provide students with valuable opportunities to earn college credit, accelerate their postsecondary education, and reduce future college expenses. Many certifications earned while in high school are eligible for statewide articulation agreements that award college credit toward related certificate and degree programs.

Broward County Public Schools encourages students and families to review the Florida Department of Education's Industry Certification College Cost Savings List, which identifies certifications that articulate to postsecondary credit, the associated college program(s), the number of college credits available, and the estimated tuition and fee savings associated with those credits.

Students who earn qualifying industry certifications may be able to receive college credit without paying the tuition and fees typically associated with those courses. These opportunities can help students accelerate their educational pathway, reduce the time required to complete a postsecondary credential, and realize significant cost savings for themselves and their families.

The Florida Department of Education maintains the current Industry Certification College Cost Savings List, which identifies:

- Eligible industry certifications that articulate to postsecondary credit
- The associated college program(s) for articulation
- The number of college credits available through articulation
- The estimated tuition and fee savings associated with those credits

The current College Cost Savings List is available on the Florida Department of Education Industry Certification webpage:

<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-technical-edu-agreements/industry-certification.shtml>

Students and families are encouraged to review the information available on the Florida Department of Education Industry Certification webpage and speak with their school counselor regarding available certifications within their program of study and opportunities to earn additional industry certifications.

Participation in Career and Technical Education programs allows students to gain valuable workforce skills, earn industry-recognized credentials, and potentially save thousands of dollars in future college expenses while preparing for success in college and careers.

For more information regarding industry certifications, articulation opportunities, and postsecondary credit options, please contact your school counseling department.