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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents
FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.
DATE: September 11, 2006
SUBJECT: **WEB-BASED SYSTEM FOR HIGH SCHOOL MAJOR AREAS OF INTEREST**

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As you are aware, beginning with students entering high school in the 2007-2008 school year, graduation requirements include enrollment in a major area of interest, comprised of four (4) credits (Section 1003.428, Florida Statutes). Proposed major areas of interest shall be annually approved by the district school board and submitted to the Commissioner of Education by October 1. The statute further provides that "[e]ach major area of interest shall be deemed approved unless specifically rejected by the commissioner within 60 days. Upon approval, each district's major areas of interest shall be available for use by all school districts and shall be posted on the department's website."

In order to facilitate this process, the Department of Education has created a Web-based system for district school boards to submit their major areas of interest for approval. Additionally, in order to simplify the selection of some major areas of interest, the Commissioner has already approved those that involve a single content area, as determined by the Course Code Directory, within specific academic and career and technical education areas.

Input Steps

The Web-based system to enter high school major areas of interest is now available at <http://public2.fldoe.org/HSMajors/login.aspx>. Here is an overview of the system:

1. **Logging On:** After clicking on the link to this Web site, a username and password will be requested. The username is the name of the school district and the initial password is the district two-digit number. Immediately after typing in the two-digit number and submitting, the system will request that you change your password. **This new password will only be available to the district.** It is important that all district staff charged with submitting information know the password.

CHERI PIERSON YECKE, PH.D.
CHANCELLOR, K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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2. **Contact Information Section:** Each district must have a contact person for implementation of high school major areas of interest. This person will be contacted if there are any questions regarding any of the information provided through this Web-based system.
- * 3. **State Approved Major Areas of Interest for High Schools Section:** The major areas of interest that are already state approved, are predominantly those that involve only one academic or career and technical education area. All schools must submit at least two major areas of interest, including one for students with disabilities working toward a special diploma. If a school in your district serves students an average of less than one year (such as a DJJ program), please submit the ESE (special diploma) state approved major area of interest and one general area that can be offered in the elective area. **Every high school listed must have submitted major areas of interest to get to the logout page for district final submission.**
4. **Proposed Integrated Major Areas of Interest Section:** Districts and schools that desire to create major areas of interest that are not on the State Approved Major Areas of Interest list will do so by selecting the courses that will comprise the major area of interest in this section. For each proposal, a brief survey must also be completed to provide the DOE with more information. All proposed major areas of interest will be considered DRAFT until October 1, at which point the 60-day approval period will begin.
5. **Notify DOE That Your Data Entry is Complete Section:** By completing this page with the Superintendent's approval assurance, the DOE will know that your information is complete.

Featured on this system are also links to the technical assistance documents that have previously been distributed on these high school related requirements.

This memorandum contains two attachments. One is a document that contains an overview on proposing major areas of interest, including the survey questions and the questions that DOE reviewers will consider in making recommendations to the Commissioner for each proposal. The second is a list of all of the approved major areas of interest.

Thank you for your questions and enthusiasm on implementing secondary reform. We have received numerous calls, questions, and feedback from you and your staff that exemplify how you have embraced these initiatives.

Please contact my office at (850) 245-0509 if you need additional assistance on using the Web-based system. If you need assistance on implementing these requirements, please contact Mary Jane Tappen at (850) 245-0818, or via e-mail at mary.tappen@fldoe.org.

This memorandum and the attachments, along with additional information on components of A++ will be available online at <http://www.fldoe.org/APlusPlus>. This site is designed to serve as a tool for you to access at your convenience and will be updated regularly. The link to this database is also available on this site.

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Attachments



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* This system is closed on October 1, 2006. The review process for proposed major areas of interest is now underway and the results will be announced as soon as possible. *

We expect to open this system back up in January 2007, after all of the approved major areas of interest are added. At that time, districts will be able to make any desired changes to the major areas of interest offered at their high schools.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mary Jane Tappen at (850) 245-0509 or by e-mail at mary.tappen@fldoe.org.

Thank you for your hard work and creativity.

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If you have any questions contact **Mary Jane Tappen**, (850) 245-0509.



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The 2006 Legislature passed House Bill 7087, An Act Relating to Education, more commonly known as A++. Governor Jeb Bush signed this bill into law on June 5, 2006.

This legislation is a result of the tireless efforts that have been undertaken by many practitioners and policymakers to improve educational opportunities in the state of Florida. These efforts included several task forces, numerous public input opportunities, and meetings with practitioners.

As technical assistance and other materials are available pertinent to this legislation, they will be posted on this website. Please check back often.

Legislation

[House Bill 7087 \(PDF\)](#)

High School Majors Submission

Please note: The deadline for submitting Proposed Major Areas of Interest was October 1, 2006. The review process is currently underway. Therefore, access into this system is not available at this time.

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Memos and Technical Assistance

9/12/2006

Memorandum: Web-based System for High School Major Areas of Interest (Word)

Attachment 1: Process for Proposing Major Areas of Interest (Word)

Attachment 2: Titles and Subtitles of Major Areas of Interest (Excel)

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Memorandum: HB 7087: Changes Regarding Academic Improvement Plans for Students with Disabilities (PDF)

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Memorandum: 2006 Legislative Changes Relating to School Start Dates (PDF)

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Add a New Major Area of Interest

This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	BUS ED - Business Supervision and Management	All		Delete
	BUS ED - Digital Design	All		Delete
	BUS ED - Web Design Services	All		Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
	Drama - Theatre Arts	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Culinary Operations	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Early Childhood Education	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	Health Science Education	All		Delete
	INDUST Computer Systems Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Applied Welding Technologies	All		Delete
	INDUST Automotive Service Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Carpentry	All		Delete
	INDUST Drafting Technologies	All		Delete
Edit	Music	All	Choral Music	Delete
	Music	All	Instrumental Music	Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete



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Add a New Major Area of Interest

This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
	AGRI - Horticulture Science and Services	All		Delete
	Agriscience and Natural Resources Education	All		Delete
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	BUS ED - Digital Design	All		Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	Health Science Education	All		Delete
	INDUST Carpentry	All		Delete
	INDUST Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts	All		Delete
	Library Media	All		Delete
Edit	Music	All	Choral Music	Delete
	Music	All	Instrumental Music	Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete



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Add a New Major Area of Interest

This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
	Drama - Theatre Arts	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Culinary Operations	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Early Childhood Education	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	Health Science Education	All		Delete
	INDUST Computer Systems Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Automotive Service Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Carpentry	All		Delete
	Library Media	All		Delete
Edit	Music	All	Choral Music	Delete
	Music	All	Instrumental Music	Delete
	Public Service Education	All		Delete
Edit	ROTC and Military Training	All	Navy JR ROTC	Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete



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Add a New Major Area of Interest

This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
	AGRI - Forestry	All		Delete
	AGRI - Horticulture Science and Services	All		Delete
	AGRI - Landscape Operations	All		Delete
	Agriscience and Natural Resources Education	All		Delete
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
	Drama - Theatre Arts	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Culinary Operations	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Early Childhood Education	All		Delete
	Family and Consumer Sciences	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	Health Science Education	All		Delete
	INDUST Computer Systems Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Automotive Collision Repair and Refining	All		Delete
	INDUST Automotive Service Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Carpentry	All		Delete
	INDUST Electricity	All		Delete
Edit	Music	All	Choral Music	Delete
	Music	All	Instrumental Music	Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete



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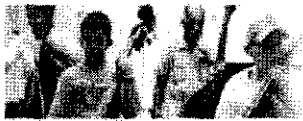
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This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Photography	Delete
	BUS ED - Administrative Assistant	All		Delete
	BUS ED - Business Supervision and Management	All		Delete
	BUS ED - Web Design Services	All		Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
	Drama - Theatre Arts	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Early Childhood Education	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	INDUST Computer Systems Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating	All		Delete
	INDUST Brick and Block Masonry	All		Delete
	INDUST Commercial Foods and Culinary Arts	All		Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete



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Add a New Major Area of Interest

This major area will apply to which of the following:

- All Students Students with Disabilities Working Toward a Special Diploma

Major Areas Selected

	Major Area	Major Type	Sub Category	
Edit	Arts - Visual Arts	All	Drawing and Painting	Delete
	BUS ED - Academy of Information Technology	All		Delete
	Business Technology Education	All		Delete
	Drama - Theatre Arts	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Early Childhood Education	All		Delete
	FAM CON - Interior Design Services	All		Delete
	Family and Consumer Sciences	All		Delete
Edit	Foreign languages	All	French	Delete
	Foreign languages	All	Spanish	Delete
	INDUST Commercial Photography Technology	All		Delete
	INDUST Television Production	All		Delete
	MKTG Academy of Finance	All		Delete
	Child Care Support Personnel	ESE		Delete