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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Return on Investment for your student, who has the potential to earn an Industry Certification. The opportunity to earn Industry Certification is a voluntary process, offered free of charge by the Volusia County School District. Students are assessed by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills and competencies. The result is the award of a time-limited credential that is nationally recognized and applicable to an occupation. This occupation is included in the work-force system's targeted occupation list or determined to be an occupation that is critical, emerging or addresses a local need. Examples of Industry Certifications include Adobe Certified Associate- Photoshop, Microsoft Office Specialist, Agricultural Technician Certification, Autodesk Certified User- Autodesk Inventor, and many more. In 2014-15, Volusia is offering 27 options for Industry Certification credentials.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, a provision within Chapter 2014-184 Laws of Florida was added that requires district school boards to notify the parent/guardian of a student earning an Industry Certification that articulates for postsecondary credit. In addition, the estimated cost savings of postsecondary tuition/fees and the market cost of the Industry Certification if the assessment was taken as an adult must be included.

Attached you will find two tables that represent the articulated credit/fee savings and cost of the test savings for all tests offered in Volusia County Schools. Only identified Career and Technical Education courses offer Industry Certifications at each school. Please refer to each school's Program of Studies before requesting information about particular certifications.

If you have any questions related to Industry Certifications, you may contact Marianne Blair at mblair@volusia.k12.fl.us. For more information about the new legislative changes to Career and Technical Education, visit the Florida Department of Education website at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu>.

Thank you for supporting your student in preparation for his or her future career!

Sincerely,

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Return on Investment - Articulated College Credit for Industry Certifications

Certification	AS Program of Articulation	Articulated Credit	Average Tuition and Fees Per Credit Hour*	State College Savings
Adobe Certified Associate - Dreamweaver	Internet Services Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Adobe Certified Associate - Flash	Internet Services Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Agriculture Technician Certification	Agriculture Production Technology	2	\$104.13	\$208.26
Autodesk Certified User-AutoCAD	Drafting and Design Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Autodesk Certified User-AutoCAD	Architectural Design and Construction Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Autodesk Certified User- Inventor	Engineering Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Biotechnician Assistant	Biotechnology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Biotechnician Assistant	Biotechnology Laboratory Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Certified Horticulture Professional	Landscape and Horticulture Technology	6	\$104.13	\$624.78
CompTIA A+	Computer Engineering Technology	6	\$104.13	\$624.78
CompTIA A+	Computer Information Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Microsoft Office Specialist Bundle	Office Administration	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
Microsoft Technology Associate-HTML5 App Development Fundamentals	Internet Services Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
National Pro-Start Certificate of Achievement	Culinary Management	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
NCCER Carpentry Level 1	Carpentry Management	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
NCCER Construction Technology	Architectural Design and Construction Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
NCCER Construction Technology	Building Construction Technology	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
ServSafe Certified Professional Food Service Manager	Culinary Management	3	\$104.13	\$312.39
ServSafe Certified Professional Food Service Manager	Restaurant Management	3	\$104.13	\$312.39

* Average Tuition and Fees Per Credit Hour: Resident Students Fee Per Credit Hour, Fall 2013 - 2014, Credit Programs: A & P, PSV, Developmental Education and EPI Programs

Return on Investment - Exam Cost for Industry Certifications

Certification	Single Exam Voucher Cost	Certifying Agency Name	Certifying Agency Website
Adobe Certified Associate (Dreamweaver)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Adobe Certified Associate (Flash)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Adobe Certified Associate (Illustrator)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Adobe Certified Associate (InDesign)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Adobe Certified Associate (Photoshop)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Adobe Certified Associate (Premiere Pro)	\$ 95.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Agricultural Biotechnology Certification	\$ 85.00	Florida Farm Bureau	www.fbaest.com
Agricultural Technician Certification	\$ 85.00	Florida Farm Bureau	www.fbaest.com
Autodesk AutoCAD Certified User Exam	\$ 85.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Autodesk Inventor Certified User Exam	\$ 85.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Biotechnician Assistant	\$ 150.00	Center for Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology at University of Florida	www.cerhb.ufl.edu
Certified Food Protection Manager (ServSafe)	\$ 36.00	National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation	www.nraef.org
Certified Horticulture Professional	\$ 85.00	Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association	www.fn gla.org
Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)	\$ 105.00	National Healthcareer Association	www.nhanow.com
Certified Patient Care Technician	\$ 149.00	National Healthcareer Association	www.nhanow.com
Certified Veterinary Assistant (CVA)	\$ 125.00	Animal Care Technologies	http://schools.4act.com/
Cisco Certified Entry Network Technician (CCENT)	\$ 120.00	Pearson	www.cisco.com
CompTIA A+	\$ 188.00	Pearson	www.comptiastore.com
LabView Certification - The Associate Developer	\$ 69.30	National Instruments Corporation	www.ni.com
Microsoft Office Specialist Bundle	\$ 100.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Gaming Development Fundamentals	\$ 69.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - HTML5 Application Development Fundamentals	\$ 69.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Networking Fundamentals	\$ 69.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) - Web Development Fundamentals	\$ 69.00	Certiport	www.certiport.com
National ProStart Certificate of Achievement	\$ 36.00	National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation	www.nraef.org
NCCER Carpentry - Level 1	\$ 35.00	National Center for Construction Education & Research	www.nccer.org
NCCER Construction Technology	\$ 35.00	National Center for Construction Education & Research	www.nccer.org