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ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING

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- (1) Middle grade students shall participate in a career and education planning course during the sixth, seventh or eighth grade. The course must be internet-based, customizable to each student and include research-based assessments to assist with determining educational and career options and goals. Career exploration shall be included in the curriculum. The purpose of this course shall be to enable students and parents to develop a personalized academic achievement and career goals for postsecondary experience.
- (2) The academic and career plan shall include
 - (a) A destination;
 - (b) A major area of interest;
 - (c) A list of courses to meet the requirements of the destination and major area of interest.
 - (d) A detailed explanation of the requirements for earning a high school diploma designation.
 - (e) The requirements for each scholarship in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
 - (f) The requirements for state university and Florida College System institution admission.
 - (g) Opportunities available to earn college credit in high school, including Advanced Placement courses; the International Baccalaureate Program; the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program; dual enrollment, including career dual enrollment; and career education courses.
- (3) Destinations shall include
 - (a) Four (4) year college or university, community college plus university, or military academy degree;
 - (b) Two (2) year postsecondary degree;
 - (c) Postsecondary career certificate;
 - (d) Immediate employment or entry level military; or

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- (e) A combination of any of these destinations.
- (4) The destinations shall accommodate the needs of exceptional education students to the extent appropriate for individual students. These students may follow the courses outlined in the *Student Progression Plan*.
- (5) Completion of the academic and career plan shall be required for promotion to grade nine (9).
- (6) Secondary schools shall ensure that students and parents are aware of the destinations and the process of developing and revising academic plans.
- (7) The District shall encourage the business community to support career preparation by providing internships and apprenticeships.
- (8) Each high school principal shall
 - (a) Designate an instructional or administrative staff member to serve as a specialist who will
 - (i) Coordinate the use of student achievement strategies;
 - (ii) Assist teachers in integrating academic and career curricula, using technology, providing feedback about student achievement and implementing career preparation programs;
 - (iii) Coordinate the review of academic plans; and
 - (iv) Coordinate the collection and retention of signed academic plans.
 - (b) Implement strategies to improve reading, writing and mathematics skills and eliminate deficiencies in these areas.
 - (c) Ensure that each student shall have an academic advisor if parental involvement is not evident.

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