

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

April 25, 2014

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Updated List of Industry Credentials Approved for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Seal, the Board of Education's Seal of Advanced Mathematics and Technology, and Student-Selected Verified Credit

At its meeting on April 24, 2014, the Board of Education approved technical changes and additions to and deletions from the list of industry certification examinations, occupational competency assessments, and licenses to meet the requirements for the Board of Education's Career and Technical Education and Advanced Mathematics and Technology Seals and the student-selected verified credit. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access the updated board-approved list.

In addition, this board-approved list of industry credentials shall be used to comply, in part, with the new graduation requirements for the Standard Diploma, as follows:

"Beginning with first-time ninth grade students in the 2013-2014 school year, requirements for the standard diploma shall include a requirement to earn a career and technical education credential that has been approved by the Board, ...."

(Reference: *Code of Virginia* § 22.1-253.13:4 (D) (2) - Student achievement and graduation requirements)

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Wharff, specialist for industry certification, Office of Career and Technical Education, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:cte@doe.virginia.gov">cte@doe.virginia.gov</a> or by telephone at 804-225-2052.

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