

Middle School Career and Education Planning

On September 18, 2007, a FLDOE workshop was held at Miami Dade College on the new career and education planning requirement being implemented state-wide. In Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the requirement is being implemented primarily in social studies; i.e., Geography, Civics, U.S. History, Below please find a summary of the information shared at the meeting held on September 18, 2007.

- Career and education planning is required for all middle school students prior to being promoted to high school. The requirement went into effect with 6th graders who entered middle school in 2006-2007.
- The goal of the requirement is to ensure that all students are prepared for future careers regardless of whether they leave school and go directly to work, attend technical/community college, attend a university, or join the military.
- The requirement is for one-semester of instruction in career and education planning, as provided through an FLDOE approved course; e.g., Geography, Civics, U.S. History, a variety of Career/Technical courses. **To complete the requirement for career and education planning, students must:**
 - **Explore careers using Choices, or a similar program;**
 - **Explore education options utilizing FACTS.org; and,**
 - **Develop a career and educational plan to be signed by the parent/guardian.**
- **A free, web-based Toolkit is available to assist teachers with instruction.** Seven modules and 30 competencies must be covered during instruction; **however, the time spent on instruction is to be determined by the teacher.** Various models for determining instructional time and pacing are on the web.
- Visit www.fldoe.org/workforce/ced for complete information. This Tool kit site includes all teacher resources and a link to CHOICES.
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