May 6, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2018-2019 College and Career Readiness Dashboard Certification Process

The window for reviewing, updating, and certifying student information in the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Dashboard for the 2018-2019 school year will begin May 6, 2020, and end on May 27, 2020. All CCR updates must be completed in InformationNOW (INOW) by May 27, 2020, to allow for local education agency (LEA) certification by June 2, 2020. Please review the information contained on the CCR Dashboard. Should inaccuracies be found after reviewing the information, please make the necessary changes in INOW and place the appropriate evidentiary document(s) in each student’s cumulative record. The attached guide provides additional information regarding the appropriate evidence needed to document each CCR update.

After updates have been completed, please wait two to three days to verify the changes on the CCR Dashboard. Once all corrections have been made and verified, please certify the information at the LEA level. The deadline for making CCR updates is May 27, 2020, and the LEA certification deadline is June 2, 2020.

Please remember that each person who needs access to the CCR Dashboard must be assigned the appropriate role(s) in the Education Directory (Ed Dir) by the district personnel tasked with that responsibility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your CCR reviewer at 334-694-4717.

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Attachment

cc: LEA High School Principals
LEA CCR Key Program Contacts
LEA Accountability Coordinators

FY20-2073
College and Career Readiness Application
The Process for Updating and Certifying Data
Graduating Class: 2018-2019

This guide provides information for updating and certifying student information in the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Dashboard on the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Identity Management (AIM) platform. The CCR Application allows assigned ALSDE and LEA personnel to view data on past, current, and future graduates who have received benchmark scores in the six college and career indicators.

As you review, update, and verify the information in the CCR Dashboard, please keep the following key points in mind:

- The CCR rate is determined based on the percentage of students in the four-year cohort who earned, at minimum, one CCR credential.
- All changes to a student record are required to be made in the Student Information System (SIS) by the appropriate district/school personnel.
- All student details will be updated from the SIS → Accumulator → Student Data App → Cohort App → CCR App
- The Cohort App determines the student membership in the CCR App.
- The LEA users will certify their CCR data. CCR data will be locked after the LEA has certified its data. Changes in the SIS will not be reflected in CCR App after data certification.
- The ALSDE personnel will review the LEA-certified data and either accept or un-certify the CCR data from LEA.
- The ED Dir positions are as follows:
  - College Career Readiness Viewer (Program Key Contacts) → View system and school level CCR data
  - College Career Readiness Viewer (School) → View school-level CCR data
  - College Career Readiness Certifier (Program Key Contacts) → View and certify system-level CCR data
  - By default, all LEA superintendents and assistants will have access to view CCR data.
## CCR Indicators

To be college and career ready, a student must earn a credential in at least one of the six indicators. The table below provides the requirements and the necessary evidence for each of the six CCR indicators.

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<td>Benchmark score on any section of the ACT test</td>
<td>• Benchmark score on at least one of the following subtests: English (18), Reading (22), Math (22), and Science (23).</td>
<td>• Student Report or School Report</td>
<td>Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Assessment Coordinator</td>
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<td>Qualifying score on an AP or IB exam</td>
<td>• AP Score of 3 or higher</td>
<td>• Student Report or School Report</td>
<td>Dr. Michal Robinson, Instructional Services Education Specialist</td>
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<td>College or postsecondary credit</td>
<td>• IB Score of 4 or higher</td>
<td>• Official copy of student college/postsecondary transcript or Unofficial copy of student college/postsecondary transcript or Official grade report from college/postsecondary</td>
<td>Mr. Sean J. Stevens, Instructional Services Coordinator</td>
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<td>ACT WorkKeys</td>
<td>• A minimum of one (1) transcripted college/postsecondary credit while in high school. A minimum final course grade of “D” is required in order for college/postsecondary credit to be posted to student college transcript.</td>
<td>At least a Silver Certificate (a score of 4 on each of the three subtests)</td>
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<td>Military Enlistment</td>
<td>• Subtests Prior to 2017: Applied Math, Reading for Information, and Locating Information.</td>
<td>• Student Report or School Report</td>
<td>Mrs. Maggie Hicks, Assessment Coordinator</td>
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<td>• Subtests for 2017 and following years: Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents.</td>
<td>• An official letter from the recruiter stating the student has enlisted in the military.</td>
<td>Dr. Willietta Conner, CTE Education Specialist</td>
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<td>Career Technical Credential</td>
<td>• The student must enlist in a branch of the military before graduating high school.</td>
<td>Please see the CTE Validation (CTE) Spreadsheet found at <a href="https://www.alsde.org/sec/wfsl/Credentialing/CTE">https://www.alsde.org/sec/wfsl/Credentialing/CTE</a> Validation (CTE) Spreadsheet.pdf.</td>
<td>Mrs. Jennifer Burt, CTE Administrator</td>
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* Supporting pieces of evidence are required to be placed in the student’s cumulative record.
Updating CCR Student Information

There are different instructions for updating CCR data depending on the credential being updated. Please refer to the directions below when updating CCR to a student record in INOW.

1. Viewing a Student’s Current CCR Credentials in the SIS

   To view whether a CCR credential is marked in INOW, please do the following:
   - Log into the Student Information System (SIS).
   - Open an individual student record.
   - Click on the **Custom Tab** at the top of the student record screen.

   - On the **Custom Tab** screen are the College and Career Ready check marks for that specific student. This tab provides a good overview of the CCR indicators a student has satisfied. Please note that manual updates in INOW will not update the values of these checkboxes. To verify a manual update to a student record, please check the CCR Application on the AIM platform. Keep in mind, it takes 24 hours for a change in INOW to be replicated in the CCR Application.

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### Summary

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<td>School Next Year: Breakable Blow High School</td>
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<td><em>Grades Level:</em> 12</td>
<td><em>Lunch Code:</em> Free</td>
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<td>Base Cohort Year: 2015-2016</td>
<td><strong>Custom Tab</strong> checkmarks:</td>
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### Important Notes

- **Custom Tab** checkmarks provide an overview of College and Career Ready indicators.
- Manual updates in INOW do not automatically update these values.
- Verify manual updates through the CCR Application on the AIM platform.
- Changes take 24 hours to replicate in CCR Application.
2. Updating Military and College Credit Attainment Credentials

These are the two easiest credentials to update.

- On the Custom Tab screen (see above), simply click on the College Credit Attainment checkbox or the Accepted for Active Military checkbox.

3. Updating AP, IB, ACT, and ACT WorkKeys Attainment Credentials

To update these CCR credentials on an individual student record, please do the following:

- Log into the Student Information System (SIS).
- Open an individual student record.
- On the right-side menu on the student record, select Standardized Tests.
Then click on one of the *Add* buttons to add a standardized test score.

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Then select the *appropriate* standardized test template with the SDE prefix (either AP, IB, ACT, or ACT WorkKeys) and click on the *Next* button. Please do not select a template without the SDE prefix.
- Regardless of the credential being updated (SDE ACT, SDE IB, SDE AP, SDE WorkKeys), once the Next button (see above) has been selected, you will be guided to enter the corrected credential information.

- On the initial screen for each SDE template, please enter the test date in the Date Field. Once the test date is entered, please click on the Create button and complete the requested information for each of the subsequent screens.

To fix an error in a credential record created by the district/school from using the above process, select the standardized record type with the error and click on the View button. Then follow the directions to correct the error for that particular test record.
4. Updating Career Readiness Indicator for CTE

- To update CTE credential in INOW, please complete the following instructions. If you have any questions relating to updating CTE credentials in INOW, please contact Dr. Julie Turner at jturner@alsdc.edu.
Click on Students

Search Students by last name, by SSID, or by simply clicking search

Click on student for whom the credential will be entered
Click on cluster

Click on program

Click on credential to upload

Click on type of file to be uploaded. Scan the file and upload the file to InformationNow to the student's file

You are now ready to upload the next credential.
Certifying CCR Data

The CCR data must be certified at the district level. To certify your system’s CCR data, please do the following:

- Log into your AIM account and access the CCR Application.
- Once selections are made for each field in the default view, the screen will refresh and the requested student data will be generated. Because you are certifying CCR data for the entire system, please select your system’s name in the **School** field.
- The top half of the screen will provide summary CCR information for your system. Below the summary data is the checkbox for certifying the data set.

- To certify system data for the selected cohort, check the certification checkbox and click on the **Certify CCR** button. A message will pop up asking if you are sure you want to certify the data. Click **OK** to continue or **Cancel** to end the certification process.
- Once the data is certified by the LEA, no updates will be applied to the data set. In other words, any changes made in INOW to student data after the certification process will not be updated in the CCR Application.
- After certifying the data, if the LEA notices an error in the data set **prior to the closing of the certification window**, please do the following to reopen the certification process:
  - Email to your system’s CCR Reviewer a request to uncertify the CCR data submitted to the ALSDE.
  - Include in the request the date that the CCR data was initially certified by the LEA.
- Once this request is processed (an email response will be sent to the LEA), the certification process will be reopened and changes entered in INOW will be processed into the CCR Application within 24 to 48 hours.
- Remember to re-certify the CCR data once changes have been verified in the CCR Dashboard.
- Please be aware that CCR Reviewers do not have the authority to reopen/uncertify CCR data **after the certification window has closed**.
- If you have any questions/concerns, please contact your CCR Reviewer (this is the same ALSDE contact who reviewed your system’s Cohort data).