

**Business Resources Center**  
**Lake-Sumter Community College**  
**Notification of Social Security Number Collection and Usage**

In compliance with Florida Statute 119.071(5), The Business Resources Center (BRC) at Lake-Sumter Community College (LSCC) issues this notification regarding the purpose of the collection and usage of your Social Security Number (SSN).

The Business Resources Center at Lake-Sumter Community College collects and uses your SSN in order to perform the College's duties and responsibilities. To protect your identity, the BRC will secure your SSN from unauthorized access and shall not release your SSN to unauthorized parties. Each student of the Business Resources Center will be issued a unique student identification number (X ID). Your unique X ID is used for all educational purposes of the BRC including registration and access to your college records.

Federal Legislation relating to the Hope Tax Credit (Title 26, Internal Revenue Code) requires that all postsecondary institutions report student SSN's to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This IRS requirement makes it necessary for community colleges to collect the SSN of every student. A student may refuse to disclose his/her SSN to the College, but refusing to comply with the federal requirement may result in fines established by the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition to the federal reporting requirements, the public school system in Florida uses SSN's as a student identifier (Section 229.559, Florida Statutes-new school code section 1008.386). In a seamless K-20 system, it is beneficial for post-secondary institutions to have access to the same information for purposes of tracking and assisting students in the smooth transition from one education level to the next. All Continuing Workforce Education (PSAV) Registration Forms, Continuing Education Registration Forms, and Customized Training Registration Forms will request the student's SSN. All SSN's are protected by federal regulations and are never released to unauthorized parties.

When the BRC participates in any Workforce Programs, funded through the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI), the BRC will use your SSN as an identifier for program enrollment and completion. Also, the SSN is used for entering placement information into either the OSMIS or the Employ Florida Marketplace statewide data collection and reporting system. Because these are performance based programs, AWI requires that all participants and their program related activities be recorded in the Florida state system. (Section 1008.39 Florida Statutes).