

Idaho State Board of Education
GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SECTION: VII. DIVISION OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Subsection: A. General Policies and Definitions

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1. Purpose

The Division of Career Technical Education (Division) provides leadership and coordination for programs in career technical education in various parts of the state. The general purpose of the Division is to carry out the governing policies and procedures of the Board and the applicable provisions of state and federal career technical education regulations assigned to the Division and the implementation of Chapter 22, Title 33, Idaho Code.

2. Delegation of Authority

The Administrator is the chief program and administrative officer of the Division, is appointed by, and serves in this position at the pleasure of the Board. The Administrator of the Division of Career Technical Education serves as the chief executive officer of the statewide career technical education system with the responsibility to supervise and manage career technical education programs in Idaho within the framework of the Board's Governing Policies and Procedures for the organization, management, direction, and supervision of the agency and is held accountable by the Board for the successful functioning of the institution or agency in all of its units, divisions, and services pursuant to Board Policy I.E. Executive Officers. Matters brought before the Board in its capacity as the State Board of Career Technical Education shall follow the same policies and procedures established by the Board for all agencies and institutions under its governance.

3. Internal Policies and Procedures

The chief executive officer may establish additional policies and procedures for the internal management of the Division of Career Technical Education that complement, but do not supplant, the Governing Policies and Procedures of the Board. Such internal policies and procedures are subject to Board review and action.

3. Definitions

- a. Concentrator Student means a secondary student who has completed at least two courses in a single career technical education program or program of study, or a postsecondary student who has earned at least 12 credits within a career technical education program or program of study or completed a postsecondary program if the program encompasses fewer than 12 credits or the equivalent in total.
- b. Local Education Agencies means a public-school district or charter school, including specially chartered districts.

- c. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) mean a group of industry experts who work with educators to advise career technical education programs on up-to-date knowledge and skills necessary for students to move into the workforce or complete industry recognized certification or educational requirements. TAC's may be established for a single program area with representatives from multiple industries within the program area or at the industry level. TACs are encouraged to include secondary and postsecondary educators within the local area.
- d. Technical College Leadership Council (TCLC) means the career technical education deans of the six regional public technical colleges in Idaho.
- e. Technical Skill Assessment means an assessment given at the culmination of a pathway program during the capstone course and measures a student's understanding of the technical requirements of the occupational pathway.
- f. Workplace Readiness Assessment means an assessment of a career technical education student's understanding of workplace expectations.

4. Functions

The Division provides statewide leadership, administration, supervision, planning, and coordination for career technical education activities in Idaho. The major functions include:

- a. Statewide Administration: maintaining a qualified professional staff to provide statewide leadership and coordination for career technical education and the programs offered in accordance with applicable state and federal regulation, Fire Service Training and STAR Motorcycle Safety Program.
- b. Supervisory and Consultative Services: providing technical assistance to local education agencies to assist in the implementation and maintenance of career technical education programs including support and leadership for student organizations and education equity.
- c. Planning: assisting local education agencies in the development of annual plans and data collection and analyzing services for the establishment of a five-year plan, annual plans, and accountability reports from the local education agencies.
- d. Evaluation: conducting and coordinating career technical education evaluations in accordance with state and federal guidelines to monitor program activities and to determine the status of program quality in relation to established standards and access.
- e. Budget Preparation: preparing annual budgets and maintaining a statewide finance and accountability system.

- f. Program and Professional Improvement: initiating and coordinating research, curriculum development, process improvement, and staff development statewide.
- g. Management Information: collecting, analyzing, evaluating and disseminating data and program information which provides a comprehensive source of accurate, current, and easily accessible information for statewide decision making.
- h. Coordination: providing liaison with related state agencies and organizations, business and industry, and community-based organizations.

5. Organization.

The programs and services of the Division are organized into two (2) broad segments: (a) Regular Occupational Programs and (b) Special Programs and Support Services.

- a. Regular Occupational Programs are programs designed to prepare students at the secondary and postsecondary levels with the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and habits necessary for entry-level employment in recognized occupations in Idaho regions, and may extend to the Northwest and nationally. These programs also provide the supplemental training to upgrade the skills of those citizens of Idaho who are currently employed. Regular programs include, but are not limited to, clusters and pathways in the following program areas:
 - i. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources;
 - ii. Business and Marketing;
 - iii. Engineering and Technology Education;
 - iv. Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services;
 - v. Health Professions and Public Safety;
 - vi. Trades and Industry;
 - vii. Individualized Occupational Training;
 - viii. Workplace Readiness; and
 - ix. First Steps: Understanding the World of Work (career pathways)

A program quality manager is employed in each program area to provide leadership and technical assistance to local education agencies. Program areas and pathways may be added in emergent areas as identified through the comprehensive local needs assessment processes. Emergent areas may be added on a conditional basis pending development of appropriate standards. The Administrator shall report to the Board, no less than annually, the standards that have been reviewed, the standards that have been updated, and any emergent or new program areas that are being developed.

- b. Special Programs and Support Services are special programs designed to serve students who are considered special populations, students with special needs, and include other program activities not considered occupational in nature. These

programs include Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker, Education Equity, and middle school career technical education.

- c. Through state and federal regulations, or by contract for administration, the Division may supervise and manage other career technical training programs as appropriate.