

CAREER/TRANSITION-TO-WORK EDUCATION

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for career/transition-to-work education.

Career education is the development of the skills and knowledge through which individuals may fulfill their own unique needs with regard to their occupational role, citizen responsibility, leisure activity and family development.

In order to comply with the School-to-Work Transition Act of 1994, the center will develop a plan to implement academic and vocational education programs and to implement career exploration and planning. These plans will be integrated into the five-year plan required by the Early Childhood and Academic Assistance Act of 1993.

Curriculum components

- Quality schooling involving a rigorous, relevant academic curriculum and changes in the vocational(occupational) education programs which are essential to expand student preparation for lifelong learning.
- A comprehensive system of career exploration and counseling to include the following.
 - career development, guidance and counseling activities
 - comprehensive career guidance plans
 - professional development
- Work exploration and experience to include the following.
 - work-based programs in compliance with applicable labor laws
 - a range of mentoring activities for students beginning no later than the seventh grade
 - parental permission for students to participate in work-based programs
 - adult supervision for mentoring opportunities
 - additional experiences as defined in Section 3 of the School-to-Work Transition Act of 1994
- Structured, work-based learning opportunities including specific basic program components and a youth apprenticeship model.
- Professional development in the following areas.
 - applied techniques
 - integration of curriculum
 - career guidance for teachers and guidance counselors
 - training for mentors

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- Accountability through the following areas.
 - reporting tech prep completers to the department of education on an annual basis
 - an annual survey of tech prep graduates
 - establishment of a local school-to-work advisory committee
 - assessment of system with a program quality review at least once every three years

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. School-to-Work Transition Act of 1994.
- B. State Board of Education Regulations:
 - 1. R 43-225 - School-to-Work Transition Act.