



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-61-03 Criteria for career-technical programs.

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(A) Each school district shall provide, through an approved plan for career-technical education approved programs that meet all criteria as specified in paragraphs (B) to (G) of this rule.

(B) Each school district working through their career-technical planning district (CTPD) shall provide Ohio career-technical educational programming representing twelve programs in at least eight Ohio department of education approved career fields. Career-technical planning districts with fewer than twenty-two hundred fifty students enrolled in grades seven through twelve shall provide course offerings in ten different programs in at least eight of the career fields.

(C) The lead district of a career-technical planning district shall establish deadlines for receiving applications for new and continuing program applications from the city, local or exempted village school district, community school, or STEM/STEAM School assigned to the career-technical planning district. The deadlines shall include the date by which the lead district will approve or disapprove applications. The lead district shall submit all approved program applications to the department for approval no later than the first day of March.

(D) The lead district's decision to approve or disapprove a program pursuant to division (C) of section 3317.161 of the Revised Code shall include the following requirements in addition to the requirements in division (C)(1) of section 3317.161 of the Revised Code:

(1) The program is aligned with state, regional, and local economic growth priorities and demands for employment;

(2) Prepares students for careers that generate a sustaining wage;

(3) Complies with guidelines from other state agencies as appropriate regarding coursework, licensure, and instruction;



- (4) Ensures students have access to career-technical student organizations;
 - (5) Address the state board of education approved career field technical content standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>), including at a minimum, all competencies identified by business and industry as essential; and/or accrediting association and/or licensing agency standards where applicable;
 - (6) Reinforce Ohio's state board of education approved academic content standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>) in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies;
 - (7) Provide multiple measures to assess student attainment of academic and technical content standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>), including, but not limited to state board of education approved technical assessments, assessments for state recognized national credentialing/certifications where applicable and accrediting association and/or licensing agency examinations where applicable;
 - (8) Meet all state and federal requirements with regard to access, non-discrimination and meeting of performance expectations for special populations, including preparation for careers in industry sectors requiring technical expertise; and
 - (9) Technical and academic course offerings must be designed in an Ohio state department of education approved sequence of courses/program of study that meets state approved graduation requirements (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>), creates an educational pathway for grades seven through twelve, and identifies a high-school pathway, a postsecondary pathway, and employment options.
- (E) Career-technical advisory committees reflecting career fields and authorized by local boards of education shall engage business/industry and postsecondary representatives and utilize input from professional associations, labor, government, and the community. Advisory committees shall identify new and emerging careers; advise current programs on curriculum, assessment, work-based learning, facilities and equipment; and engage educators to improve and expand programs; and ensure the quality of the program using the Ohio state department of education's quality program standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>).



(F) Facilities and equipment shall support instruction of the technical and academic content standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>) and reflect current and emerging technology in the career-technical education program.

(G) All districts receiving state career-technical education supplemental funds for career-technical education programs and courses shall annually report performance data on measures identified by the department. Data shall be reviewed as part of the program review and five year renewal process.