



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3301-61-03 Criteria for career-technical programs.

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(A) Each school district will 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 will provide Ohio career-technical educational programming representing twelve programs in at least eight career fields approved by the department of education and workforce. Career-technical planning districts with fewer than twenty-two hundred fifty students enrolled in grades seven through twelve will 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 will 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 will include the date by which the lead district will approve or disapprove applications. The lead district will submit all approved program applications to the department of education and workforce 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 will include the following criteria in addition to the criteria 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) Addresses the department of education and workforce approved career field technical content standards adopted by the department (<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) Reinforces department if education and workforce approved academic content standards adopted by the department (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>) in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies;
- (7) Provides multiple measures to assess student attainment of academic and technical content standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>), including, but not limited to department of education and workforce approved technical assessments, assessments for state recognized national credentialing/certifications, where applicable, and accrediting association and/or licensing agency examinations where applicable;
- (8) Meets all state and federal criteria with regard to access, non-discrimination and meeting of performance expectations for special populations, including preparation for careers in industry sectors needing technical expertise; and
- (9) Technical and academic course offerings will be designed in a department of education and workforce approved sequence of courses/program of study that meets state approved graduation criteria (<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 will engage business/industry and postsecondary representatives and utilize input from professional associations, labor, government, and the community. Advisory committees will 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 department's quality program standards (<http://www.education.ohio.gov>).



(F) Facilities and equipment will 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 will annually report performance data on measures identified by the department of education and workforce. Data will be reviewed as part of the program review and five-year renewal process.