

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Amanda McCammon, Director of PK-16, DOE
Leslie Crist, Director of Youth Initiatives, DWD

Date: May 26, 2017

Re: Senate Enrolled Act 198 - Career & Technical Education (IC 20-30-5-14)
Indiana Career Explorer Pilot Program 2017-18

Background:

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation requiring that the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Workforce Development, to implement a pilot program for instruction in and use of the Indiana Career Explorer (ICE) program and curriculum. This pilot program would be used by all students in grade 8 attending the fifteen (15) pilot schools. Pilot program schools must be identified by July 1, 2017.

The pilot program will expire July 1, 2018, unless the DOE determines that the pilot program should be continued for an additional year to improve implementation in the pilot schools. Beginning July 1 in the year in which the pilot program expires, each school and each charter school shall include in the school's curriculum a course for all students in grade 8 that includes instruction in and use of either: (1) the Indiana career explorer program and curriculum; or (2) an alternative Internet based system and curriculum that provide students with career and college planning resources that have been approved by the DOE.

Guidance:

Pursuant to SEA 198, the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development are collaborating to administer the 2017-2018 ICE 8th grade pilot program with 15 schools from across Indiana. SEA 198 states that the pilot program will include 15 schools from a balance of rural, urban, and suburban areas.

While ICE has been available at no cost to schools for several years, recent upgrades including Indiana job demand data and corresponding curriculum have been added to this digital resource.

Technical assistance will be provided to pilot schools throughout the duration of the pilot program. Participating pilot sites will also be offered funding for related administrative costs, curriculum development, and course delivery.

Per SEA 198, upon completion of the pilot program, all schools will be required to include the ICE program and curriculum or an alternative career and college planning internet based system and curriculum that has been approved by the DOE.

In order to be considered for this pilot program, please complete the electronic survey located [here](#) by June 9, 2017, to express your interest. Schools selected to apply for participation in the pilot program will be contacted the week of June 19th.

Selection for pilot programs will, at a minimum, be considered based on the following criteria:

- Statutorily required group of 5 urban, 5 suburban and 5 rural schools
- Timely submission
- Geographic representation of the state
- Diverse array of existing programs and services around career education and exploration

Pilot programs will commit to the following during the pilot program:

- Administration of the Indiana Career Explorer program and curriculum to all 8th grade students;
- Pre- and post-assessments;
- Collection of formative data; and
- Participation in curriculum review and development

If you have any questions, please contact the any of the following DOE personnel:

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