

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals, Directors of Career and Technical Education, Directors of Special Education, Directors of Curriculum, & School Counselors

From: Stefany Deckard, State Director of Career and Technical Education
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Re: Amendment to CTE Concentrator Definition & Courses

Background

On July 31, 2018, the President signed the *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act* (Perkins V) into law. This Act, which became Public Law 115-224, reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV).

On November 14, 2018, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved the recommendation made by the Governor's Workforce Cabinet to align the Perkins V definition of a concentrator with the graduation pathways definition of CTE Concentrator. The newly approved definition for graduation pathways is: "A CTE Concentrator is a student who must earn a C average in at least two non-duplicative advanced courses within a particular program or program of study." Subsequently, the SBOE approved courses that will count for concentrator status, per the definition above, for cohort 2023 and beyond at the December 2018 board meeting. This information may be found here:

Guidance

Schools should utilize the resources located at <https://www.doe.in.gov/wf-stem/career-and-technical-education-pathways> to select the program of study and correlating concentrator courses for the appropriate cohort.

Although students in graduation cohorts 2019-2022 are grandfathered under the previously adopted concentrator definition, which states that a concentrator is a student who completes 6 credits with a C average in an approved pathway, schools may elect to opt these students into the newly adopted concentrator definition and corresponding courses. For students beginning with graduation cohort 2023, a minimum of one course from column A and one course from column B should be completed to count toward concentrator status.

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