

CTE Update

News and Notes for October 14, 2020 – October 27, 2020



To: CTE Directors, Principals, Superintendents, School Counselors, CTE Instructors

From: Indiana Office of CTE and Governor's Workforce Cabinet

Date: October 14, 2020

Re: CTE Bi-Weekly Update

The CTE Update is intended to provide the CTE community with vital information regarding CTE programming, policies and events. While we attempt to address many of your questions through this update, we know that the variety of CTE concerns schools across the state have will mean that many of you may still have additional questions specific to your situation. Please continue to reach out to CTE@gov.IN.gov with any questions or concerns. Your continued collaboration is appreciated as we work to ensure students receive high-quality instruction in CTE courses this year.

New information and questions this week

- What happens now with InTERS?
- Technical Honors Diploma – Accuplacer
- Resource for Hybrid Schedules
- Next Level Programs of Study Update
- Awards for Excellence

InTERS Fall Enrollment Information

CTE Course enrollments were due to be submitted in InTERS last Friday, October 9, 2020. The next step is a two week adjustment period. In addition to other adjustments that are typically made during this time, we wanted to remind schools that **a student's enrollment status may be changed during the adjustment window**. For example, if a student has not been attending the in-person aspects of a blended course by October 9th but begins doing so on October 20th, their enrollment may be changed from virtual to blended. All enrollment data will be final on October 23rd. After the adjustment period, each corporation has until October 30th to verify and upload their 30A form signed by the superintendent, Area CTE Director, and treasurer. Please reach out to Chris Deaton or Jedd Vance with your InTERS questions.

2020-2021 CTE Awards for Excellence

The Indiana CTE Awards for Excellence program highlights the outstanding achievements of secondary and postsecondary CTE students, programs and partnerships from around the state that exemplify the ideal qualities of Career and Technical Education. The Indiana Office of Career and Technical Education and the Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet invite each secondary and postsecondary Perkins recipient to submit nominations on behalf of their CTE District or postsecondary institution. Nomination forms along with additional information will be available on the [Indiana Office of CTE Website](#) beginning this Friday, October 16th. The deadline to submit nominations will be November 30, 2020.

The CTE Awards for Excellence Recipients will be announced in February 2021 as a part of National CTE Month. A decision is still pending whether the recognition ceremony will be held in-person or if it will need to be completed virtually.

Technical Honors Diploma Requirements

Our office has received a few questions about requirements for the Technical Honors Diploma. Most of the questions are addressed in guidance that was shared earlier this year. The guidance document can be found [here](#).

One challenge raised recently is that CollegeBoard has replaced the Accuplacer test with a new version known as the Next Generation Accuplacer. This new version is scored on a 200-300 scale and has created the need for a new set of cut scores. In order to ensure that students may use the Next Generation Accuplacer test, the State Board of Education has announced the following cut scores will qualify a student for the Technical Honors Diploma.

Previous Accuplacer	Cut Score	Next Generation Accuplacer	Cut Score
Reading	90	Reading	259
Writing (Sentence Skills)	80	Writing	250
Math (Elem Algebra)	75	Quantitative Reasoning	254

The cut scores for Reading and Quantitative Reasoning were determined through the use of concordance scales developed by CollegeBoard. Unfortunately the Writing test for the Next Generation Accuplacer is not similar to the Sentence Skills test to create a concordance. As a temporary measure the cut score was aligned with Ivy Tech's Honors Program requirements.

Resource for Hybrid Schedules

One of the greatest challenges for teachers during the pandemic has been trying to manage teaching in a hybrid schedule. We have heard from several instructors on how difficult it can be to engage students when they are in class two-three days a week and working remotely the other days. Edutopia has shared a series of articles to provide a few suggestions for instructors who are doing blended learning. The most recent, [Effective Instructional Models for a Hybrid Schedule](#), focuses on flipping the classroom and rotating stations. Both practices are relevant for CTE instruction during this time.

Next Level Programs of Study Update

Many of you have shared that you are currently working to organize your local course catalogs to get ready for student scheduling. We encourage you to keep your options open until you see what courses are available through the updated course titles and descriptions for the 2021-2022 school year. Several new pathways and courses have been added, including Precision Ag, Smart Manufacturing, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Software Development, Insurance, and a complete Entrepreneurship pathway. The Next Level Programs of Study courses will also address some longstanding misaligned courses, such as Introduction to Accounting.

Our office is working on several resources that will be available to help schools understand all of the options. These resources include a CTE Career Guide, a more complete CTE course catalog spreadsheet, updated Perkins IV and Perkins V pathway resources, and a complete frequently asked questions document about Next Level Programs of Study. These resources will be available once action is taken by the SBOE at their November meeting on the Course Titles and Descriptions.

Relevant Information from previous updates:

Indiana's Promoted Certifications List

Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, the review process for the Promoted Certifications list was not able to be completed. The 2019-2020 Promoted Certifications list will remain in effect for 2020-2021 school year. Some certifications that had gone through the review process may be added to the certifications list during this school year. No certifications that are on the current list will be removed for the 2020-2021 school year.

Next Level Programs of Study Update

Below is an outline of the timeline for implementation of Next Level Programs of Study that was first shared in September.

September – October: We are currently working to finalize the course sequences for all 70+ programs of study and to add the new courses to the 2021-2022 Course Titles and Descriptions. This process includes sharing secondary review docs with selected instructors and reviewers for postsecondary aligned pathways or pathways that will have a significant number of new courses.

November – December: The Office of CTE is creating a Career Guide that students, parents, and school counselors may use as a resource to learn more about what CTE has to offer, Next Level Programs of Study, and information on available careers by careers cluster. There will be an online version of the guide available by the beginning of November.

Throughout November and December the Office of CTE will be offering regional implementation workshops. These workshops will be geared towards CTE Directors, School Principals and School Counselors.

January – February 2021: The Office of CTE will be facilitating convenings in January and February of 2021 with secondary instructors to develop the secondary course standards for all new programs of study courses.

Spring 2021: The Office of CTE will continue to provide technical assistance and support for CTE instructors and school counselors that are implementing the Next Level Programs of Study courses.

Fall 2021: The first three courses for each Next Level Program of Study will be available to schools beginning in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year. We are working on a transition plan that will be available before the end of September that will allow schools to offer current CTE courses or Next Level Programs of Study Courses to meet the requirements Perkins IV or Perkins V pathways.

Please feel free to contact the Office of CTE at cte@gov.in.gov if you have additional questions or concerns.