

Questions and Answers about Program Changes for Approved Career Education Business Education

Q: When will the program changes for Career Education Business Education occur?

A: With the start of the 2006-07 school year, any school district that offers an approved Career Education Business Education course will automatically receive approval as a Career Education Business Education Program. No additional paperwork is necessary for this change to take place. However, it will be very important for a school district to sequence courses based on the three Career Paths for Career Business Education.

Q: Are there courses that will not be approved for Career Education Business Education?

A: Yes. Keyboarding, Introduction to Business, and Business Math are not included in the Career Education Business Education Program. Students will need the core knowledge and skills in those classes before entering one of the three Career Paths. For example, a student would need to be able to touch key before entering the Information Technology Career Path.

Q: How will this affect the Enhancement Grant for my district?

A: The Enhancement Grant will be available for three Career Paths in Career Education Business Education: Information Technology; Business, Management & Administration; and Finance. A sample scope and sequence is included that relates to each of the Career Paths. The Enhancement Grant will still focus on high demand occupations in your area.

Q: How will this affect articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions?

A: The articulation agreement should focus on a sequence of courses and will be easier to attain based on the three Career Paths for Business Education.

Q: How will this affect teacher certification?

A: Teacher certification will depend on the current certification of your teacher.

- 1) Teachers who are currently certified in Career/Vocational Business Education will not see any change.
- 2) Teachers who are currently working on certification in Career Business Education will need to continue working on the certification.
- 3) Teachers who have a lifetime Business Education Certificate and have never needed a Career/Vocational Business Certificate will need no further certification.
- 4) Teachers who have a Professional Business Education Certificate but do not have a Career/Vocational Business Education Certificate will need to apply for a Career Business Education Certificate and meet the necessary qualifications.
- 5) New graduates from an approved teacher education program will receive one certificate that will encompass both a Professional Business Education Certificate and a Career Education Certificate.

Q: If I do not have any approved Career Education Business Education courses, what is the process for approval?

A: You will need to fill out the Application for Approval of Career Education Programs located at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/forms.htm>.

Q: Is Personal Finance an approved Career Education Business Education course?

A: At this time, Personal Finance can be included in your approved sequence of courses for Career Education Business Education. The Enhancement Grant cannot be written for any one course, including Personal Finance, but should be written for a sequence of courses based on the three Career Paths for Business Education.

Q: How will this change 50/50 Career Education Business Education money?

A: At the current time, no change will be implemented in the distribution of 50/50 money in Career Education Business Education. The 50/50 money will continue to be tied to Business Technology.

Q: Will this change Core Data for the 2006-07 school year for my district?

A: Yes, this will change how Core Data is reported for a school district. All courses except Keyboarding, Introduction to Business, and Business Math will be reported as a Career Education Business Education course. Please refer to the Core Data Manual for 2006-07 for changes.

Q: How will this affect my APR data?

A: In most school districts, this change will positively impact APR. All students enrolled in Career Education Business Education Programs will now be reported as a Career Education student. For example, on Standard 9.4 for APR, all students enrolled in a Career Education Business Education Program will now be reported as a career education student with the exception of Keyboarding, Introduction to Business, and Business Math.

Q: How will this affect follow-up for Career Education Business Education courses?

A: Follow-up occurs 180 days after graduation for a student who receives credit in an approved course.

Q: How is a sequence of courses defined?

A: A sequence of courses is a series of courses that build upon each other, show a relationship, and assist students in developing knowledge and skills leading to postsecondary education or employment. The sequence of courses is an integral part of a student's Personal Plan of Study.