



TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

TSA BASICS YOU NEED TO KNOW

2010-2011 SY

TSA Session Topics

1. Why give a TSA assessment
2. Who should be given an assessment
3. How to determine if a student passed or failed their assessment
4. When and how to report assessment results
5. Who is responsible for administering the assessment
6. How do you pay for the assessment

Technical Skill Attainment



Technical Skill Attainment

- Purpose/Desired Outcomes
 - Demonstrate knowledge and skill
 - Improve transition from secondary to postsecondary programs of study
 - Convey proof of skill mastery to potential employers
- Third-party, industry recognized
- Concentrators that complete a program

Definition of a Concentrator



Technical Skill Attainment

- Secondary Concentrator
 - Student who has earned three or more sequential credits in any approved career education programs grades 9-12
 - Local decision to determine course sequences
 - Sequential credits can crossover into different program areas

State Plan

- Phased-In Process --Secondary
 - 2008-2009: 25% test 61.60% pass
 - 2009-2010: 50% test 61.60% pass
 - 2010-2011: 75% test 62.00% pass
 - 2011-2012: 100% test TBD



When Should the TSA Assessments Be Given?

Secondary

- Typically seniors
- Administered at the end of program completion
- LEA responsible for contacting testing vendor to coordinating assessment dates and testing criteria/requirements
- http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/perkins_iv_tsa.htm

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TSA Presentation and FAQs Given at MCCTA Conference

DESE staff presented information about technical skill attainment at the spring conference of the Missouri Council of Career and Technical Administrators, March 10, 2009.

- ▶ [Presentation](#) (pdf)
- ▶ [Handout: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (pdf)

For additional questions, contact [Kristie Davis](#), supervisor, Administration and Accountability, (573) 526-4987.

How Do I Find?

- ▶ [TSA Guidelines](#)
- ▶ [Program Memorandum 2009-05 - Technical Skill Attainment](#) (pdf)
- ▶ [Program Memorandum 2009-03 - FY2010 Secondary TSA](#) (pdf)
- ▶ [Program Memorandum 2008-06 - Guidance on Technical Skill Assessment](#) (pdf)
- ▶ [PLTW testing info](#)

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How Do You Determine if a Student
Passes or Fails the Assessment?

Determining Pass/Fail

- 4 Ways to Determine TSA Pass/Fail
 - 1. Testing vendor provides cut score
 - 2. State or National average
 - 3. Bundle (average to determine cut score)
 - 4. 65% Cut Score

Reporting TSA

- Data submitted in June reporting cycle in student's core file
- All student concentrators must be reported as 1 of the 6 TSA code-sets (chart next slide)

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Code Set	Description	
PT	Passed Test	Student passed the technical skill assessment
FT	Failed Test	Student failed to pass the technical skill assessment
NT	Not Tested	Student was eligible to take the technical skill assessment and the assessment was available, but the student did not take the assessment
NA	Not Available	Student was eligible to take the technical skill assessment, but an assessment was not made available for the student
NE	Not Eligible	Student was not eligible to take a career education technical skill assessment
PR	Pending Results	Student has taken the technical skills assessment, however, the results are not yet known

Who is Responsible for Giving Skills Assessment?

- Administered by the institution where student completes the career education program
- If a student completes several career education programs, it will be a local decision to report which assessment most accurately reflects the personal plan of study

Who Will Pay for TSA Assessments?

- Perkins Funds
- Local Funds
 - At this point, there are no additional funds available to pay for technical skill assessments.
 - It is a local decision to determine how Perkins funds are distributed among its' members

Three Main TSA Recap Points...

- 75% of concentrators completing a program must test during the 2010-2011 SY
- There are 4 ways to determine passing
- Assessment data is reported in June using the TSA code sets



Questions

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