

**CONSIDERATION OF SENDING ASSIGNMENT TO AREA CAREER CENTERS –
EAST PRAIRIE R-II SCHOOLS**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 161.092, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

5 CSR 60-120.050 authorizes school districts to request approval from the State Board of Education to change affiliation from one area vocational school to another based upon written application submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, by November 1, for the next school year.

By letter dated October 21, 2013, the East Prairie R-II School District has made application to change the district's affiliation from the New Madrid Technical Skills Center to the Sikeston Career and Technology Center beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Accompanying this application is a letter from the Sikeston School District in support of the change in affiliation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information presented by the school districts involved, the Department is recommending that change in affiliation be approved.



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Dr. Sharon Helwig, Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Helwig,

The East Prairie R-II School District Board of Education respectfully requests approval of a change in career centers. Currently the students from East Prairie High School attend the New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center and we are requesting to begin attending the Sikeston Career and Technology Center.

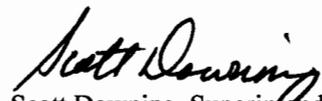
Over the last several years, there has been a continual decline of course offerings at the New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center. Currently they offer 7 programs of study as compared to Sikeston which offers 12. In addition, Sikeston offers Industry Recognized Credentials for 10 of their offerings. Enrollment of our students in the New Madrid County R-I Technical Skills Center is very low at 9 students. With nearly 160 juniors and seniors, we feel our numbers should be much higher.

Because of these issues and others, the East Prairie R-II School District Board of Education voted unanimously to petition the State Board of Education for a change in career centers at its October Board of Education meeting.

The East Prairie R-II School District Board of Education selected Sikeston Career and Technology Center for several reasons. First and foremost there are more programs offered than at New Madrid and they are being offered in areas that our students can gain meaningful employment in our region. Secondly, according to Sikeston officials, they have plans to continue expansion of the programs offered in the future. With the low numbers and lack of programs, we feel that it is in the best interest of our students future to request the change. Additionally, we will be able to transport our college bound students to Sikeston Higher Education Center and Three Rivers College for dual credit courses.

In conclusion, it seems to be in the best interest of the students in the East Prairie R-II School District, educationally, to petition the State Board of Education for permission to attend Sikeston. In addition, the changes will move the district toward meeting MSIP 5 requirements.

Respectfully,


Scott Downing, Superintendent

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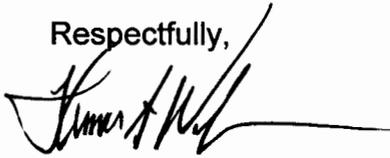
Dr. Sharon Helwig
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Dear Dr. Helwig:

The East Prairie R-II School District has indicated an interest in their students attending the Sikeston Career and Technology Center (SCTC) for the 2014-2015 school year. Based upon the number of seats available within each program, SCTC will be able to accommodate the number of students East Prairie R-II will be sending to this district. With that being said, we support and accept the East Prairie students attending our Sikeston Career and Technology Center for the next school year.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Thomas A. Williams
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Mr. Chad King, SCTC Director

Area Career Center Comparison East Prairie R-II Schools

New Madrid Technical Skills Center	Sikeston Career and Technology Center
Tuition: \$1300.00	Tuition: \$1250.00
Miles to ACC: 24	Miles to TEC: 25
<u>Courses Offered:</u> Agricultural Education Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Business Education Carpentry Diesel Mechanics Early Childhood Professions Graphic Arts Occupations Health Service Aide Welding Technology	<u>Courses Offered:</u> Agricultural Education Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Business Education Construction Technology Culinary Arts Drafting and Design Technology Early Childhood Professions Family Consumer Sciences Graphic Arts Occupations Health Service Aide Law Enforcement Training Marketing Nail Technician Radio/Television Broadcast Technology Welding Technology

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