

Administrative Memo

Date: October 30, 2015
To: School Administrators, Career Education Administrators
From: Janice Rehak, Coordinator
Subject: CCR-15-018 – Updates to Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education opened an application window from March 17 through June 30, 2015 so that Missouri public school administrators could request specific industry recognized credentials (IRCs) be added to the MSIP 5 list of approved IRCs. The IRC Review Committee met on September 9 to review multiple applications.

The review committee was guided by the following two significant principles--

1) The MSIP 5 definition of an IRC

A portable, recognized credential (tangible evidence) that validates an individual has successfully demonstrated skill competencies in a core set of content and performance standards in a specific set of work related tasks, single occupational area, or a cluster of related occupational areas.

2) The MSIP 5 Performance Standard 3, Indicator 4

The percent of graduates who earned a qualifying score on an Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Technical Skills Attainment (TSA) assessments and/or receive college credit through early college, dual enrollment, or approved dual credit courses meets or exceeds the state standard or demonstrates required improvement.

The following three assessments will be added to the approved IRC list effective with the 2017-18 school year for reporting beginning in June 2017:

- C++ Certified Associate Programmer
- Manufacturing Technician Level 1 (MT1) Certification from the Manufacturing Skills Institute
- Masonry—National Center for Construction Education (NCCER)

Districts will be informed on any additional IRCs as these are approved.