

Administrative Memo

Date: November 9, 2017
To: School Administrators, Career Education Administrators
From: Janice Rehak, coordinator, Enhancement Grants
Subject: CCR-17-008 - Updates to Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) opened an application window from March through June 2017, so that Missouri public school administrators could request specific IRCs be added to the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5) list of approved IRCs. The IRCs review committee met on September 12 to review the applications.

The review committee was guided by two significant principles:

- 1) The MSIP 5 definition of IRCs – 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

DESE received 12 IRC applications. Nine of those were nonresponsive or incomplete. In all, three applications were reviewed, and two new credentials were approved.

The following assessments will be added to the approved IRCs list beginning the 2018-19 school year for reporting beginning in June 2019:

- Cisco Student Certification
- Missouri Assessment of Basic Dental Assisting Skills

View the full list of approved IRCs at <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/cte-irc-tsa-guidance.pdf>.

Any questions regarding the selection process of IRCs may be directed to Janice Rehak at janice.rehak@dese.mo.gov or 573-526-4900.