

Administrative Memo

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To: School Administrators, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Directors/Administrators, High School Principals, School Counselors, and Community College/University CTE Deans/Directors
From: Blaine Henningsen, assistant commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness
Subject: CCR-19-009 – Perkins V Update

As previously communicated, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) was signed into law on July 31, 2018. Although Perkins V went into effect on July 1, 2019, there are some changes that affect local Perkins grant recipients during Year 1 (2019-20).

Accountability/Data Reporting

1. Secondary Concentrator Defined

In accordance with the Office of College and Career Readiness and the Perkins V State Plan, a secondary concentrator for accountability purposes is defined as “a student who has completed at least two courses* in a single career and technical education program of study. A course is defined locally as a series of lessons that equal one unit of credit.”

*Once a student completes two courses in a single CTE program of study, he or she is counted as a CTE concentrator.

2. CTE Certificate Clarification

Technical Skill Attainment (TSA) is no longer a core indicator of performance in Perkins V; therefore, districts are not required to test CTE concentrators for Perkins purposes. However, it is important to note that TSA/Industry Recognized Credential (IRC) is one of the requirements for student attainment of the CTE certificate, which provides students with the necessary technical and employability skills to be prepared for an entry-level career or additional training in a technical field.

In addition, IRC attainment is still in place for the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) as one of the qualifiers under Performance Standard 3: Indicator 4 College and Career Readiness (CCR).

See [Administrative Memo CCR-19-005](#) for more details.

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