CTE Updates

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CTE EXAM REIMBURSEMENT
CTE Certification Exam Reimbursement

Texas Education Code, §29.190, authorizes TEA to reimburse LEAs for student certification exams taken and passed for a license or certificate.

Process

• LEAs submit a reimbursement request by Friday, August 5, 2016.

• Requests will be reimbursed on a first-come, first-served basis until the end of the fiscal year or the $500,000 allotment is expended.
CTE Certification Exam Reimbursement

Eligibility

- Certifications listed on the Perkins Program Effectiveness Report (PER) are eligible for reimbursement.
- Student must successfully complete a CTE program related to the certification.
- Student must take and pass the certification exam prior to July 31, 2016.
- One exam will be reimbursed per student, up to $350 per exam.
Industry-Recognized Certifications and Licensures

Panel
Ann Mulder

- Spent 11 years in health science
- Started out as a nurse and manager in the field
- Became a high school teacher
- Served 16 years as a school administrator in CTE & GT
- Is now an educational consultant
David Berrier

- 29 years in education
- 12 years as CTE Director in Deer Park ISD
Greg Shipp

- Administrative Coordinator in CTE for Conroe ISD
- Has been a teacher, counselor and campus administrator
Michael Chapman

- Currently at ESC 9 in Wichita Falls
- Has been in education for 15 years
- 9 years at ESC 9
- 20 years in the Air Force
Vicki Hayhurst

- Currently at ESC 14 in Abilene
- 20 years in education
- 10 years at ESC 14
- 3 years in CTE
- Experience as a community liaison
Question #1

What are some of the most common misunderstandings new CTE administrators might have about student certifications and licensures?
Answer to Question #1 by Ann Mulder

Common Misunderstandings

• Certifications listed on the PER are not the only certifications districts can offer.

• Certifications offered students should be those that are best for them, not because they are listed on the PER.

• Factors to consider when offering student certifications:
  • student aspirations
  • student secondary goals
  • majors being considered

• The PER reports our program effectiveness to the federal government.
Question #2
How does Deer Park ISD identify which certification and licensure exams to offer its students?
Answer to Question 2 by David Berrier

Certifications to offer?

• Gain teacher input.

• Choose certifications that bring value to students.

• Choose certifications best for your region:
  • Petrochemical in Deer Park
  • IT in Austin
  • Finance and Business in Dallas

• Deer Park ISD CTE teachers offer at least one certification.

• Before choosing certifications, ensure they have value.

• Use advisory committees to make recommendations.
Question #3

How does Conroe ISD

1) identify which certification and licensure exams to offer its students and

2) are there any eligibility requirements placed on the students before they can sit for an exam?
Answers to Question #3  

How to choose?

• Gather input from business and industry through advisory committees to determine certifications offered.

• Offer students credentials that are valued in local business and industry.

• Review 3 years of pre-enrollment data to determine interest and compare with occupations in your area.

• Example of a program with eligibility requirements: Culinary Arts requires ServSafe certification before enrolling in program.
Question #4

What assistance can ESC’s provide regarding student industry certifications and licensures?
Answers to Question #4 by Michael Chapman

ESC assistance?

• Contact your ESC CTE representative when trying to determine certifications to offer students.

• ESC personnel visit industry locations to gain first-hand knowledge of industry expectations and can then share this information with districts.
Question #5

Please talk about Abilene’s regional initiative to identify industry certifications and licenses.
Abilene’s Initiative?

• Abilene Chamber of Commerce formed a committee to look at employment needs in the Abilene area.

• Committee included K-12 districts, colleges and universities, an ESC representative, and business partners.

• Committee worked on ways to connect businesses with educational systems in the area.

• Focus was on skilled labor and retaining workers.

• Chamber will create a position to continue this work.
Questions
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When entering information on the PER under OTHER, how are we tracking the number of students receiving those particular certifications?

*Comment: There is a Performance Acknowledgement in the graduation requirements that is not related to PER although it has some of the same characteristics. Posting the certifications here gives student recognition and program recognition.*

TEA will track only the number of districts listing a certification noted under OTHER but not the actual number of students receiving the certifications.

Do districts get extra funding for the number of certifications reported?

*No*

Can Perkins funds ONLY be used to pay for certifications that are on the PER?

*Yes, but state funds can be used for certifications. Also, Title I, Part A funds may be used if a need is identified in the campus improvement plan.*

*Comment: Texas Workforce Commission is a great resource for districts.*
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