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**Evaluation Cycle- Fall** 

School Year- 2023-2024

School Surveyed/Visited- McKean High School

School District- Red Clay

Members of the Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education are given the responsibility, by State Law, to monitor and evaluate career and technical education programs in Delaware. The purpose of program monitoring is to bring about program improvement for our CTE students. During monitoring visits, a DACCTE staff and Council member are joined by a CTE Education Associate from DOE when possible. The team visits schools to gather information on career and technical education programs so that constructive program improvement recommendations can be formulated and communicated to those who implement the programs.

School monitoring visits typically take place between September and June on a two-year rotation of schools. DACCTE members, as advocates for career and technical education, approach each monitoring visit with an open mind. Our role is to provide an unbiased perspective to help educators. Specifically, Council members use a monitoring questionnaire provided by Council staff as an interview guide when talking with school personnel. After conducting all the interviews, DACCTE Staff analyze all questionnaires and information gathered during the visit. After analysis of all available data, recommendations for program improvement are formulated and communicated to the appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals. The results of the McKean HS CTE program visit are as follows:

7 teachers were interviewed, and 5 surveys were completed. 8 unduplicated contacts.

Survey/Interview Question	Data shows this area is being met	Data shows this area needs more focus	Data is inconclusive	Notes
Pathways have	<b>✓</b>			
sequenced courses	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Pathways are approved through DOE	$\checkmark$			
English, Math, Science, Social Studies Integration into CTE coursework	<b>√</b>			
Facilities	$\checkmark$			
Instructional Supplies and Materials	$\checkmark$			
Instructional Equipment and Technical Support	$\checkmark$			
Advisory Committee in place and supporting CTE programs	<b>√</b>			
CTSO available and participating in Local, State, Regional, and National Level	<b>✓</b>			
Work-Based Learning Opportunities	✓			WBL Coordinator
Pathways prepare students for entry level positions after HS (credentialing, etc.)	<b>✓</b>			
Career Pathway Selection Process		<b>✓</b>		Guidance led
WBL Plans/Documents on file between schools/employers	<b>√</b>			WBL Coordinator
Programs receive Federal/State funding (Perkins/509)	<b>√</b>			
Budget Availability/Development	$\checkmark$			
3 Year Budget/Long Term Planning	✓			
Demographics of classroom represent demographics of school	<b>√</b>			

## Conclusions

Teachers are enthusiastic and very supportive of their students and programs. They report that the programs are following Course Pathways/Program of Studies, Career and Technical Student Organizations are available, Advisory Committees are happening, demographics of the classroom represent the demographics of the school, and teachers are reflective of individual program strengths, weaknesses, and needs for improvement. Mr. Worlds (Principal) is supportive of all CTE programs. The school is to be commended for staffing the Work Based Learning Coordinator position. Work Based Learning is interconnected to each pathway in the form of a student run business model.

## Recommendations

- Pathway Selection- Course selection is handled by the guidance department. Many teachers were unsure of the process and would like to understand more of the school's process.
- Perkins/509 Funding- Teachers described a very open transparent process from District office all the way to the teacher level. Continue this great process.
- WBL- Continue to support the Work Based Learning Coordinator position.
- Advisory Committees- Many pathways are rebuilding/remodeling their advisory committee in the aftermath of the pandemic. Continue to assist in the rebuilding of the advisory committee on an as needed pathway basis.
- Early Childhood Pathway Licensing- Continue to discuss upcoming licensure needs as it relates to program compliance and availability.

Educational programs visit by Mr. Stahl and Council Member Mr. Freidly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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