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Evaluation Cycle- Fall

School Year- 2023-2024

School Surveyed/Visited- Springer Middle School

School District- Brandywine

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 Springer MS CTE program visit are as follows:

- 5 teachers were interviewed, and 5 surveys were completed. 7 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 sequenced courses	✓			
Pathways are approved through DOE	✓			
English, Math, Science, Social Studies Integration into CTE coursework	✓			
Facilities	✓			
Instructional Supplies and Materials	✓			
Instructional Equipment and Technical Support	✓			
Advisory Committee in place and supporting CTE programs		✓		All report no or unknown.
CTSO available and participating in Local, State, Regional, and National Level	✓			
Pathways prepare students for high school			✓	Middle Grades Revision currently taking place.
Career Pathway Selection Process	✓			Guidance led
Programs receive Federal/State funding (Perkins/509)	✓			All report unknown amounts.
Budget Availability/Development	✓			
3 Year Budget/Long Term Planning		✓		
Demographics of classroom represent demographics of school	✓			

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, demographics of the classroom represent the demographics of the school, and teachers are reflective of individual program strengths, weaknesses, and needs for improvement. Dr. Seemans (Principal) and Dr. Kutch (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) are supportive of all CTE programs.

Recommendations

- Perkins/509 Funding- Teachers all report receiving funding; however, they are unsure of the amount of funding available to their pathways. Please share funding levels and processes to ensure transparency amongst stakeholders and will also assist in long range planning of supplies. Please develop written procedures for use of funds.
- Advisory Committees- Form advisory committees to assist with pathways. Not only is this beneficial to pathway success and stakeholder involvement, but it is also a requirement of CTE programs.

Educational programs visit by Mr. Stahl.

Respectfully Submitted,

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