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School Year- 2023-2024

School Surveyed/Visited- Smyrna Middle School

School District- Smyrna

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 Smyrna MS CTE program visit are as follows:

- 6 teachers were interviewed. 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 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	✓			
CTSO available and participating in Local, State, Regional, and National Level	✓			BPA, Ed Rising, FFA, HOSA, FCCLA, TSA
Pathways prepare students for high school	✓			Aligned with high school programs
Career Pathway Selection Process	✓			Guidance led
Programs receive Federal/State funding (Perkins/509)	✓			Programs have access to Perkins and 509 funding.
Budget Availability/Development	✓			Teachers aware of budgets
3 Year Budget/Long Term Planning	✓			5-year plan
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, Advisory Committees are in place, funding is available from all sources, facilities are excellent, supplies 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. Mrs. Smeltzer (Principal) and Dr. Marvel (Supervisor of Instruction) are supportive of all CTE programs. Smyrna Middle School has great support in place for career and technical education programs. I would like to commend the school for supporting the CTE Specialist position as this helps in coordinating with the high school for transition purposes, CTSO support, career/college fairs, WBL opportunities, etc.

Recommendations

- Perkins/509 Funding- All teachers are receiving funding. Continue the open transparent process described by teachers of sharing funding procedures, discussing processes, funding levels, etc.
- Advisory Committee's- Teachers are participating with the HS Advisory Committees to coordinate programs. Continue this process.
- CTE Specialist- Continue to support the great processes and coordination this brings.

Educational programs visit by Mr. Stahl, Council Member Mr. Reeve, and DOE CTE Associate Mr. Fitzgerald.

Respectfully Submitted,

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