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School Year- 2023-2024

School Surveyed/Visited- Sussex Central High School

School District- Indian River

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 Sussex Central HS CTE program visit are as follows:

- 7 teachers were interviewed, and 14 surveys were completed. 15 unduplicated contacts.

<b>Survey/Interview Question</b>	<b>Data shows this area is being met</b>	<b>Data shows this area needs more focus</b>	<b>Data is inconclusive</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Pathways have sequenced courses	✓			
Pathways are approved through DOE	✓			
English, Math, Science, Social Studies Integration into CTE coursework	✓			
Facilities	✓			New facilities discussed
Instructional Supplies and Materials	✓			
Instructional Equipment and Technical Support	✓			
Advisory Committee in place and supporting CTE programs	✓			In place and supporting programs.
CTSO available and participating in Local, State, Regional, and National Level	✓			FFA, TSA, BPA, FCCLA, HOSA, DECA, Ed Rising
Work-Based Learning Opportunities	✓			WBL Coordinator
Pathways prepare students for entry level positions after HS (credentialing, etc.)	✓			
Career Pathway Selection Process	✓			Guidance led
WBL Plans/Documents on file between schools/employers	✓			WBL Coordinator
Programs receive Federal/State funding (Perkins/509)	✓			Funds available
Budget Availability/Development	✓			Transparent processes in place
3 Year Budget/Long Term Planning	✓			Long terms plans discussed.
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, facilities/supplies/technical support are all appropriate, 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. Fair (Assistant Principal) is very supportive of all CTE programs. The school is to be commended for open transparent processes surrounding funding and supporting seven CTSO's through active participation. All teachers described a process by which all stakeholders are involved in decision making processes for funding. The school has a WBL coordinator which assists with various aspects of the WBL program.

## Recommendations

- WBL- Please review the alignment of WBL Courses embedded within each program of study as it may be more useful to align the WBL courses under the Career and Technical Education Cluster. This would show the breakdown of Division 1 staffing units earned through WBL and potentially shift some funding and units for the benefit of the program.
- Perkins/509 Funding- All teachers are receiving funding. Please continue the open transparent processes in place.
- Advisory Committee- All teachers described a school/district led process. Please continue this great process.
- CTSO- Continue to support the numerous student organizations. Many teachers discussed the great successes of their students through the great learning extension opportunities provided through CTSO participation.
- Long Range CTE Plans- All teachers discussed long range plans for CTE programs as did the Administration in relation to supplies, materials, new innovative programs, etc. Please continue these planning processes as it is leading to strong CTE programs.

Educational programs visit by Mr. Stahl and Council Member Mrs. Diogo.

Respectfully Submitted,

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