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Evaluation Cycle- Spring

School Year- 2025-2026

School Surveyed/Visited- Fifer Middle School

School District- Caesar Rodney

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 Fifer MS CTE program visit are as follows:

- 3 teachers were interviewed, and 4 surveys were completed. 6 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	✓			Business, Tech Ed, FCS, Ag
English, Math, Science, Social Studies Integration into CTE coursework	✓			Academic areas are incorporated into lesson plans.
Facilities	✓			
Instructional Supplies and Materials	✓			
Instructional Equipment and Technical Support	✓			
Advisory Committee in place and supporting CTE programs	✓			Districtwide
CTSO available and participating in Local, State, Regional, and National Level	✓			TSA, BPA, FCCLA, FFA
Pathways prepare students for high school	✓			Aligned with high school programs
Career Pathway Selection Process	✓			Rotation Based
Programs receive Federal/State funding (Perkins/509)	✓			All programs are receiving funding.
Budget Availability/Development	✓			Teachers aware of processes
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. Teachers report that the programs are following Course Pathways/Program of Studies, facilities/supplies/technical support are all appropriate, advisory committees are in place and functioning, Career and Technical Student Organizations are available, funding is 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 Mrs. Corbeil (Supervisor of Instruction) are supportive of all CTE programs.

## Recommendations

- Business teacher stated a need to update their classroom set of computers. School and district administration stated they are already aware of the need and have a replacement plan set to ensure the computers are updated soon.
- 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.

Educational programs visit Mrs. Rozell and Council Member Dr. Wyatt.

Respectfully Submitted,

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