

CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The schools should provide education that is pertinent to the practical aspects of life and prepares students to make the transition from the school setting to the world of work. Therefore, the Board supports the inclusion of career-technical education in the basic curriculum.

Career-technical education is a program that enables each student to gain career awareness and to explore career opportunities in all fields so that he/she can make informed decisions about his/her future occupations.

The Board charges the administration with the responsibility for implementation of the career-technical education program in the schools.

Career-technical education is a concept that can be taught in the classroom at all grade levels. ~~At the secondary level,~~ **In grades seven through 12,** it specifically incorporates career exploration, career guidance and career-technical education opportunities. The latter are designed to equip students to enter postsecondary occupational education programs and/or specific occupations directly from high school.

Career-technical education is available as an integral part of the curriculum at the secondary level. It is geared to technological and economic conditions and changes, and, as a core component of comprehensive education, shares with other aspects of the high school curriculum the purpose of development of character, attitudes and skills. Guidance and counseling services are provided to each student throughout his/her program.

In an effort to meet the changing needs of the global, high-tech workforce, the Ohio Administrative Code provides a list of educational programs that may be offered to secondary high school students, adults, postgraduates and others desiring to obtain necessary workforce skills.

The educational program is administered by the career-technical programs director.

Fees ~~are~~ **may be** charged to students, as established by the Board, to pay for materials they use in these courses and programs.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC Chapter 3303
3311.16; 3311.17; 3311.18; 3311.19
3313.53; 3313.56; 3313.90; 3313.901; 3313.91; 3313.911
3317.024; 3317.16; 3317.17
OAC Chapter 3301-35-04
3301-61

CROSS REFS: JN, Student Fees, Fines and Charges
LB, Relations with Other Schools and Educational Institutions

NOTE: This category may be used for career education, technical education, or both. If you do not wish to combine policies in these areas, as was done above, add a new subcode to the IGAD sequence for file purposes.

If a district participates in a joint vocational school district or other cooperative programs, the details of such programs are more appropriately filed under LBB, Cooperative Educational Programs.

House Bill (HB) 487 (2014) revised district requirements for provision of career-technical education. Ohio Revised Code 3313.90 as revised specifies career-technical education is to be provided to students in grades seven through 12. Districts may request a waiver from the requirements to provide this education to students in grade seven and eight. This waiver is obtained by adopting a resolution specifying the district's intent not to provide career-technical education to students in grade seven and eight for a particular school. This resolution must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) by September 30, for the specific school year. Upon receipt of the resolution, ODE will grant the waiver for the particular school year.

HB 393 (2014) requires ODE to post and maintain on its website, an online education and career planning tool to help students develop education and career plans. By September 30, annually, ODE is required to distribute information on the planning tool to all public high schools. Each high school will be required to share this information annually with parents and students by April 1.