



“providing individuals with opportunities throughout their lifetimes to develop, in conjunction with other education and training programs, the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive”

Engagement - Achievement - Transitions

PERKINS IV
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006

How is CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION defined? The term ‘career and technical education’ means organized educational activities that—

“(A) offer a sequence of courses that—

- “(i) provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions;
- “(ii) provides technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and
- “(iii) may include prerequisite courses (other than a remedial course) that meet the requirements of this subparagraph; and

“(B) include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.

What is the PURPOSE of Perkins IV?

“The purpose of this Act is to develop more fully the academic and career and technical skills of secondary education students and postsecondary education students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs, by—

- ✚ building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including preparation for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations in current or emerging professions;
- ✚ promoting the development of services and activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic and career and technical instruction, and that link secondary education and postsecondary education for participating career and technical education students;
- ✚ providing technical assistance that—
 - “(A) promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development at the State and local levels; and
 - “(B) improves the quality of career and technical education teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors;
- ✚ supporting partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree granting institutions, area career and technical education schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries.

What are the key THEMES in Perkins IV?

- ✚ Accountability and program improvement
- ✚ Secondary-postsecondary connections
- ✚ Links to rigorous academics
- ✚ Stronger focus on business and industry

