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Career and Technical Education Engagement Report

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

On August 28, 2022, RSMo 167.908 went into effect. The statute requires that DHEWD provide the means for high school students in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to complete an application for federal funding under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program. In order to meet this requirement, DHEWD must ensure engagement with CTE programs every year, until 100% engagement has been met; DHEWD must maintain that engagement at 100% every school year thereafter.

- For the 2022-2023 school year, fifty percent;
- **For the 2023-2024 school year, seventy percent;**
- For the 2024-2025 school year, ninety percent; and
- For the 2025-2026 school year and every school year thereafter, one hundred percent.

CURRENT STATUS

The Office of Workforce Development (OWD) is responsible for this initiative. To date, OWD has engaged 52 of the 57 CTEs (91%), exceeding the required percentage for the current school year. Engagement has been through two key events in partnership with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE). A tracking mechanism is in place to record all activity across multiple teams.

OWD works closely with DESE's Career Pathways Manager to create opportunities for engagement. The engagement plan for the remainder of this school year includes:

- Scheduled visits with CTEs during professional development
- OWD to speak at DESE's Spring Apprenticeship Boot Camp, dates TBD

NEXT STEPS

OWD will continue engagement with CTEs as planned. CTEs with no history of engaging with OWD will be a priority for the remainder of the year. Discussions on how to engage with these CTEs underway.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: CTE Engagement List