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CTE Contacts,

I hope the school year is going well for you. Please see the newsletter below for the latest CTE updates. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Please share with other CTE staff and stakeholders.

Marilyn



## **Career & Technical Education Program Newsletter**

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We are passionately committed to developing and nurturing healthy, thriving learning communities across Region 17 by guiding and supporting schools in their quests for excellence through an on-going process for continual improvement supported by ISO 9001 standards.

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#### **CTE TEKS Update**

Newly adopted TEKS for CTE are available at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/home/sboeadopt.html>. The new high school courses in Chapter 130 of the Texas Administrative Code become effective September 1, 2010. Course descriptions can be found in the introduction section of each course. The 2010-2011 PEIMS numbers for the courses will be available in December 2009.

Suggested course sequences by cluster can be found at this link <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/teks/cteTEKS.html>. Sequences are provided as suggestions and can be customized by districts as they plan offerings for students. Courses may also cross clusters as students build programs of study with coherent sequences of academic and CTE courses. The CTE programs of study found at [www.AchieveTexas.org](http://www.AchieveTexas.org) are being updated to reflect the new courses and the flexibility for the recommended high school program graduation requirements provided by HB 3.

TEKS for CTE middle school courses can be found at this link <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter127/ch127a.html>. The newly adopted middle school courses became effective September 1, 2009 and can be found in Chapter 127 of the Texas Administrative Code 127.3 and 127.4 (The career investigation course TAC 127.2 is still included in this link because it is effective for 2009-2010, but will be deleted for 2010-2011 school year).

#### **Professional development for teachers**

ESC CTE Specialists and selected CTE content area master teachers will attend a Training of Trainers (TOT) in October and November. After the TOT, regional trainings will be scheduled for each of the 16 career clusters. Teachers will be required to attend one day of content specific training for each cluster they teach and one day of general CTE training. This is required for them to be able to teach the new courses starting in 2010-2011. The TEA will have TEKS implementation professional development training posted on the TEA web site, so teachers and administrators will know of all the opportunities available for training in their cluster. The trainings will be scheduled for spring and summer 2010.

#### **Teacher certification**

A formal teacher certification crosswalk will be available in early 2010. The SBOE must first rule on which CTE courses can satisfy fourth year math and science credit later this year. In the interim, the TEA may be able to release a draft crosswalk of teacher certifications for use by districts pending SBEC approval. CTE courses that satisfy math or science academic credit may be taught by teachers certified in math, science, CTE or a combination thereof. Teachers, including those certified in CTE, will be able to teach courses for academic credit as long as the district determines that the teacher meets the Highly Qualified requirements in NCLB. Those teaching current content that is found in new CTE courses, including those proposed for academic credit, are likely to meet HQ requirements and should be able to teach the new courses.

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#### **CTE Program Directors and Contacts Meeting – October 21, 2009**

Every district should plan to send one person to this meeting. This is a great time to network and find out what other districts are doing. Topics include the latest state and federal program updates, best practices, resources, and the new TEKS training. See this link for registration <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8642>.

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#### **Career and Technical Education 101 - Training on October 21, 2009**

This training has been requested by a number of districts and now it is happening! CTE 101 participants will learn the basics about Career and Technical Education. Topics to be addressed are state and federal funding, program guidelines, accountability, reporting, career clusters, programs of study and the new TEKS for 2010-2011. This is a must for new and experienced administrators that want to know more about CTE. This session will follow the CTE Program Directors and Contacts meeting. See this link to register <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8643>.

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#### **2009 PBMAS Update**

CTE programs across the state are showing that they make a difference! In the September TEA PBMAS update, the following trends were noted:

- The number of CTE students on the RHSP/DAP increased by 3.5 percentage points to 82.7%.
- The number of CTE students in grades 9-12 who dropped out decreased from 2.5% to 1.9%.
- The number of districts not meeting the nontraditional non-traditional course completion standards for both males and females was very low. (2009 was the first year with an assigned performance level)

CTE SPED TAKS Science passing rate continues to be an area in need of improvement; more districts will receive a PL 3 on this indicator than last year.

#### **PBMAS Intervention Training**

For districts identified for 2009 intervention activities there will be a PBMAS Intervention Training on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 9:00 – 12:00. See this link for registration and additional information. See this link for registration and more information <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8635>.

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#### **Reminder - Notice of Required Annual Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs**

Prior to the beginning of each school year, every LEA providing CTE programs must advise students, parents, employees, and the general public that all career and technical education opportunities will be offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Local newspapers or other media that reach the general public must be utilized to disseminate the required notification. A copy of Section IV – O of the OCR Guidelines, along with English and Spanish versions of sample public notification forms that include all required elements for complying with civil rights laws as they relate to CTE programs, may be downloaded at the Program Monitoring and Interventions (PMI) Division website at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/pmi/ctemon/>.

**If your district did not fulfill this requirement prior to the beginning of school this year, it should be done as quickly as possible.**

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#### **Certification Training**

- Several inquires have come in about certification training for teachers. The three most recent were the Microsoft Office 2007, the Tractor and Machine Operators Certificate and OSHA training. If you or a CTE colleague is interested in certification training, please let Marilyn Stone know. It may be possible to schedule a training in Region 17 or locate a training in a neighboring region.

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#### **Fall 2009 Workshops**

##### **Promoting Success of the ELL Student in the CTE Classroom**

Workshop #19-08641    October 13, 2009    Main Hall

This workshop will provide strategies for all CTE teachers to address the special learning needs of ELL students in their classrooms. <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8641>

##### **CTE Program Contacts Meeting**

Workshop #19-08642    October 21, 2009    Neely Room

This meeting will provide the latest state and federal program updates, best practices, resources, and networking opportunities for district and campus CTE program contacts. <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8642>

##### **Career & Technical Education 101**

Workshop #19-08643    October 21, 2009    Neely Room

A must for new and experienced administrators who want to more about CTE.

<http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8643>

##### **Achieve Texas: Ensuring Student Success**

Workshop #19-08646    October 29, 2009    Main Hall

Strategies for guiding students in making college and career decisions and prepare them for the world of work.

<http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8646>

##### **Big Muscle Approach to CTE and Academic Integration**

Workshop #19-08647    November 3, 2009    Conference Corner

Strategies for CTE and academic teachers to make connections between their content and instruction.

<http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8647>

**No CTE Child Left Behind**

Workshop # 19-07278    October 30, 2008    Conference Corner  
Research proven effective and ways to increase rigor and relevance in the CTE classroom.  
<http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8648>

**Performance Based Monitoring (PBM) Intervention Training**

Workshop #68-08634    November 12, 2009    Main Hall  
This training will provide assistance to districts identified for intervention through the Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS). <http://escite2.esc17.net/preview.aspx?name=wmsworkshop&w=8635>

**For a flyer** with just these workshops to share with your CTE colleagues click on this link

<http://www.esc17.net/docs/133-CTE%20Fall%202009%20Workshops.pdf>.

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**Statement of Nondiscrimination**

It is the policy of the Region 17 Education Service Center not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in the career and technical education program, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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