

VIRGINIA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT 2002 - 2003

PURPOSE

The accomplishments, activities, and performance measures for Career and Technical Education in Virginia are reported here as outlined in the State Plan for Career and Technical Education for 2002-2003. The Performance Report details the use of resources from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, as well as state and local funds. The document also meets the reporting requirements of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Act of 1998.

The general purpose of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (P. L. 105-332) is to develop more fully the academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary students and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in vocational and technical education programs by---(1) building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic skills; (2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, vocational and technical instruction, and that link secondary and postsecondary education for participating vocational and technical education students; (3) increasing state and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve vocational and technical education, including tech-prep education; and (4) disseminating national research, and providing professional development and technical assistance that will improve vocational and technical education programs, services, and activities.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The Virginia Board of Education, serving as the State Board of Career and Technical Education, developed a State Plan for career and technical education that provides programs and services for the following:

- local school divisions
- Virginia Community College System
- Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center
- Department of Correctional Education
- Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind at Hampton and Staunton
- institutions of higher education for career and technical education
- apprenticeship programs jointly supported by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry

During the 2002-2003 school year,

- 302 middle schools provided exploratory and special programs
- 294 high schools offered career preparation courses
- 36 separate and 9 jointly-owned regional technical centers offered career and technical programs
- 21 separate centers provided special services to disadvantaged and disabled students
- 23 community colleges provided continuing education at 40 campus locations.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

The State Board of Education has been designated as the State Board of Career and Technical Education to carry out the provisions of the Federal Vocational and Technical Education Act. Hence, the Board, as the sole agency responsible for the administration and supervision of the state career and technical education program, has all necessary powers to cooperate with the U. S. Department of Education in the administration of the State Plan. The Superintendent of Public Instruction has delegated the authority for administering all State Plan programs within the management of the Board of Education and as prescribed by laws of the commonwealth. Under the leadership of a director, associate director, grants program administrator, and 10 specialists, the Office of Career and Technical Education Services within the Virginia Department of Education provides direction for career and technical education for the state.