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Career & Technical Education Regional Outreach School Year 2013-2014

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Why is your office changing to a regional outreach approach?

A regional outreach provides school districts with a simplified system of support from the Division of Career & Technical Education by providing school district with a single point of contact for all of their CTE needs.

The regional model also helps districts approach CTE programming in a systemic way.

What are the regions?

The state has been divided into seven geographic regions. A map of these regions is located [here](#).

What are the benefits of a regional approach?

In the past, career cluster specialists worked with school districts across the state in specific content areas. With this new regional outreach model, regional specialists will now focus on specific regions of the state, serving as a resource for all local CTE related efforts. This approach allows districts to have one primary CTE contact instead of several and will provide schools with more consistent and efficient support from the Division of Career & Technical Education.

What will be different with the regional approach?

Instead of a school district contacting multiple career cluster specialists for different content area expertise, district CTE personnel will now be supported by single regional education specialist who will support the district in all aspects of program development.

How do I complete the Program Improvement Process this year for my program?

In order to meet federal Perkins requirements for continuous improvement, school district CTE teams must attend a Regional Program Improvement Process meeting. These four-hour meetings will provide district CTE teams an opportunity to reflect on relevant CTE data and identify program successes and areas for improvement. More information about these meetings can be found [here](#).

What is a district CTE team?

A successful career and technical education program includes support from several individuals within the school district, including school administrators, school counselors, CTE teachers, advisory committee members, and school board members.

A district CTE team includes this wide range of stakeholders and approaches CTE program improvement in a systemic way.

Who should I contact with questions regarding my career and technical education (CTE) program?

If you have questions about your career and technical education program, please contact your Regional Education Specialist. A list of contact information for each specialist is found [here](#).

Who should I contact with questions regarding my career and technical student organization (CTSO)?

If you have questions about career and technical education student organizations, please contact your Regional Education Specialist. A list of contact information for each specialist is found [here](#).

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If the DOE Education Specialist position in my region is vacant, then who should I contact with questions?

If the Regional Education Specialist position in your region is vacant, please contact the Division of Career & Technical Education at 605-773-3423, and they will direct you to the appropriate person.

Can I attend professional development hosted by DOE in a region other than my own? For example, if I live in Aberdeen (North Central Region) can I attend professional development training in Sioux Falls (East Central Region)?

Yes. Members of district CTE teams are able to attend professional development hosted by the South Dakota Department of Education throughout the state, regardless of the region they are located in. However, you may want to let your regional education specialist know about your interest in the training, and he or she may be able to schedule a session closer to you.

How do these changes affect the Career Clusters and what will the clusters look like in the regional model?

The change to a regional outreach model will recognize and support the same Career Clusters and corresponding Programs of Study within the state. The main change will be related to who teachers contact within the Division of Career & Technical Education. Each regional education specialist will be able to support teachers in all Career Clusters and provide approved programs with a full menu of supports for growing their programs in a systematic way.

How do these changes affect each CTE program within a school district?

The change to a regional outreach model provides CTE programs within a school district greater access to state resources and opportunities for program development.