



Senate Education Committee
February 18, 2013
SB 128

Senator Steve Abrams and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Topeka Public Schools USD 501 is supportive of Senate Bill No. 128 concerning the career technical education incentive program. The amendment in Section 1(b)(1) indicating a pupil who graduates from a high school in the school district having obtained an industry-recognized credential *either prior to graduation from high school or by December 31 immediately following graduation from high school...* is beneficial for students who complete a program in May and also graduate in May but may not be eligible to complete the industry assessment until June.

An example this amendment would be beneficial: A student must complete the required coursework, clinical, and meet attendance requirement to be eligible to sit for the state Certified Nurse Aide Assessment. The paperwork must be submitted and a student is provided dates to take the assessment, usually in June. The industry certification is not granted until they have completed the state assessment which under the current guidelines, the district would not receive the CTE program incentive. With the proposed amendment, the district would be eligible to receive the incentive.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment 4



Topeka Public Schools Postsecondary & Career Vision

Critical Thinking Communication Collaboration Creativity

Curriculum

Dual Credits & AP Classes

Washburn Institute of Technology

Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC)

Career Pathway to Job Certification

Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK)

Focused Study

College & Career Ready Focused Preparation

ACT and/or Other Assessments
Career and Academic Advising

Career Classes

**Career Planning
9th & 10th**

Core State

8th Grade Career Demonstration

Online Career Plan

Kansas Career Pipeline Aptitude Assessment

College & Technical School Campus Visits

Career Focused Electives

Career Fair

Junior Achievement

Career Exploration

6th - 8th

Common

5th Grade Career Demonstration

Career Focused Field Trips and Speakers

Career Interest Survey to Guide Expository Reading

Career Awareness

PreK - 5th

Communication & Math Literacy Skills

21st Century Skills

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