

Q & A with DESE
2010 MoACTE/MCCTA Summer Conference

The following are responses to questions that were gathered at the Monday evening MCCTA session. The responses were presented by Michael Muenks and Dennis Harden at the Thursday DESE Q & A session.

Questions regarding Perkins V.

DESE Response - Review the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for hints as to where education policy is headed. Missouri's State Plan for Career Education, which is good through 2013, can be found on the DESE website at:

http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/perkins_iv_state_plan.htm.

Questions regarding the FY2012 budget for Career Education.

DESE Response - DESE will submit the same FY2012 budget as submitted for FY2011. No changes are anticipated in the budget for technical support, professional development, career and technical student organizations, salary reimbursement, etc.

Questions regarding curriculum and assessment for Career Education programs.

DESE Response - Career Education staff, together with stakeholders and professional staff in related content areas, will be working on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Questions regarding availability of DESE staff for technical assistance, career and technical student organization activities, and professional development.

DESE Response - Instate and out-of-state travel has been restricted by the Office of Administration. Staff travel patterns for FY2011 should be similar to last year. DESE does not accept payment for professional development/technical assistance services. Consider the use of technology for meetings, where appropriate. We were able to provide the necessary documentation to the Office of Administration to allow for out-of-state CTSO travel to national conferences.

Questions regarding the future of Tech Prep and Programs of Study.

DESE Response - As per our response to the Federal Perkins monitoring which was completed in May of 2009, Tech Prep will sunset on June 30, 2011. In order to move forward with Programs of Study, consideration is being given to using our Perkins reserve funds to place several individuals in the field to continue our work on Programs of Study. Details need to be worked out.

Questions regarding MOSIS data collection and training.

DESE Response - Michael will correspond with the Office of Data Systems Management about the obvious need for additional training, updates, and documentation.

Questions regarding training on Missouri Connections.

DESE Response - Tom Schlimpert in Guidance and Counseling is coordinating the transition to the new Missouri Connections. Training sessions are being scheduled throughout the state

utilizing the Career Education Coordinators to coordinate training with the University of Oregon staff.

Questions regarding training of CTE teachers to integrate academics into their curriculum.

DESE Response – We will be using working groups to design model curriculum. We will then need to use state organization networks to implement the professional development.

Questions regarding how Missouri can continue to lead the way in Career Education and CTSOs.

DESE Response – Missouri needs to collect data that supports co-curricular activities.

Questions regarding the redesign of the DESE Website.

DESE Response – DESE will be undergoing a redesign of the website. Significant changes to the website are difficult to make and take time due to how state websites are run.