

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

ACPS shall provide a program of career and technical programs, incorporated into the kindergarten through twelfth-grade curricula that emphasizes the advantage of completing school with marketable skills. The Superintendent and staff shall plan and shall make recommendations for Career and Technical Education in compliance with the Standards of Quality and the State Board of Education Regulations, including a focus upon:

- Knowledge of careers and all types of employment opportunities, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship and small business ownership, the military, and the teaching profession;
- Career exploration opportunities in the middle school grades;
- Occupational and career and technical programs with industry and professional standard certifications, if applicable;
- Competency-based Career and Technical Education Programs that integrate academic outcomes, career guidance, and job-seeking skills for all secondary students based upon labor-market needs and student interests;
- Career guidance involving counseling about available employment opportunities and placement services for students exiting school; and
- Continued tracking of student progress in all aspects of CTE program development and implementation, including data related to Industry Certification, program completion, and graduates' post-secondary education and career choices and status.

The Superintendent shall develop this plan with the input of area business and industry representatives and local community colleges and shall submit the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with the timelines established by federal law.

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[8VAC20-120-10](#) et seq.