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The Board of Education recognizes that Career and Technical Education is a distinct but integral component of a quality education system. Furthermore, while all education has vocational aspects, comprehensive Career and Technical Education programs help students develop the technical, academic, employability, and life skills needed for high wage and high skill careers and/or postsecondary education.

Therefore, Career and Technical Education encompasses both career and academic education and shall be incorporated into the curriculum at each grade level in the public schools. Elementary and middle/intermediate schools shall implement technological design and career planning standards by integrating career awareness and exploration opportunities into the curriculum. High schools shall offer programs of study that integrate academic and technical skills standards which are organized within career pathways. Each program of study shall include a coherent sequence of courses based on academic, technical, and employability skills standards. Programs of study shall be formally articulated with postsecondary educational institutions, labor, and industry. Assessment of Career and Technical Education programs, which includes data on student achievement and postsecondary endeavors, shall be a continuous process and shall guide program improvement.

Collaboration by school administrators, staff, and students is essential in providing effective Career and Technical Education programs. Moreover, schools should involve their community stakeholders as full partners in developing quality Career and Technical Education programs organized within a Career Pathway System.

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