



Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Part 3: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Chapter 207-A: INSTRUCTION
Subchapter 3: SECONDARY SCHOOLS

§4725. Career and technical instruction

Each school administrative unit operating a secondary school shall provide career and technical instruction through a career and technical education center or region in accordance with chapter 313. [RR 1991, c. 2, §59 (COR); 2003, c. 545, §§5,6 (REV).]

SECTION HISTORY

(Multiple pathway law)
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Subchapter 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

§4703. Instruction for individual students

Elementary and secondary schools shall provide students with opportunities for learning in multiple pathways that may include the following: [2009, c. 313, §7 (AMD).]

- 1. Career and technical education.** Career and technical education;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 2. Alternative education programs.** Alternative education programs;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 3. Apprenticeships.** Apprenticeships;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 4. Career academies.** Career academies;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 5. Advanced placements.** Advanced placements;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 6. Online courses.** Online courses;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 7. Adult education.** Adult education;
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 8. Dual enrollment.** Dual enrollment; or
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]
- 9. Gifted and talented programs.** Gifted and talented programs.
[2009, c. 313, §7 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1983, c. 859, §§C5,C7 (NEW). 2009, c. 313, §7 (AMD).

(Intersection law)

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§4722. High school diploma standards

(CONTAINS TEXT WITH VARYING EFFECTIVE DATES)

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 7/1/20)

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT REPEALED 7/1/20)

2-A. Implementation of multiple pathways and opportunities. Students may demonstrate achievement of the standards through multiple pathways as set out under section 4703 and multiple opportunities. Achievement may be demonstrated by evidence documented by course and learning experiences using multiple measures, such as, but not limited to, examinations, quizzes, portfolios, performances, exhibitions, projects and community service.

[2013, c. 176, §1 (AMD) .]

3. Satisfactory completion. A diploma may be awarded to secondary school students who have satisfactorily completed all diploma requirements in accordance with the academic standards of the school administrative unit and this chapter. All secondary school students must achieve the content standards of the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements established pursuant to section 6209. Children with disabilities, as defined in section 7001, subsection 1-B, who successfully meet the content standards of the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements in addition to any other diploma requirements applicable to all secondary school students, as specified by the goals and objectives of their individualized education plans, may be awarded a high school diploma. **Career and technical students may, with the approval of the commissioner, satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 through separate or integrated study within the career and technical school curriculum, including through courses provided pursuant to section 8402 or 8451-A.**

1983, c. 859, §§C5,C7 (NEW). RR 1991, c. 2, §59 (COR). 2003, c. 545, §§5,6 (REV).

(Academic classes offered in CTE schools law)

Title 20-A: EDUCATION

Part 4: SPECIFIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Subpart 2: APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HEADING: PL 1991, C. 716, §5 (AMD)

Chapter 313: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HEADING: RR 1993, C. 1, §48 (COR)

Subchapter 3: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS

§8402. Programs

A center shall provide programs of career and technical education. Programs of career and technical education are eligible to receive state subsidy pursuant to chapters 606-B and 609. All programs of career and technical education offered by a center must be approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 8306-B, including programs previously approved under former section 8306-A. The programs must offer a sequence of courses that are directly related to the preparation of individuals for employment in current or emerging occupations and may include training and education in academic and business skills preparing students to further their education at the community college or other college level or allowing students to use trade and occupational skills on other than an employee basis. A center may also provide courses described in section 4722, subsection 2, the successful completion of which satisfies the diploma requirements set forth in section 4722. [2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §8 (NEW).]

§8451-A. Programs

A region shall provide programs of career and technical education. Programs of career and technical education are eligible to receive state subsidy pursuant to chapters 606-B and 609. All programs of career and technical education offered by a region must be approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 8306-B. The programs must offer a sequence of courses that are directly related to the preparation of individuals for employment in current or emerging occupations and may include training and education in academic and business skills preparing students to further their education at the community college or college level or allowing students to use trade and occupational skills on other than an employee basis. A region may also provide courses described in section 4722, subsection 2, the successful completion of which satisfies the diploma requirements set forth in section 4722. [2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §9 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1991, c. 518, §18 (NEW). 1999, c. 683, §3 (AMD). RR 2003, c. 2, §61 (COR). 2003, c. 20, §002 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §004 (AFF). 2005, c. 2, §D27 (AMD). 2005, c. 2, §§D72,74 (AFF). 2005, c. 12, §WW18 (AFF). 2007, c. 667, §13 (AMD). 2011, c. 679, §19 (AMD). 2011, c. 686, §4 (AMD). 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §9 (RPR).

Early College for CTE law

Title 20-A, Chapter 229: DUAL ENROLLMENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

[20-A §6971. Definitions](#)

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Mandatory standards law

Title 20-A: EDUCATION

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Subpart 2: APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION HEADING: PL 1991, C. 716, §5 (AMD)

Chapter 313: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HEADING: RR 1993, C. 1, §48 (COR)

Subchapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§8306-B. Approval of programs and courses; industry standards

1. Rules. The commissioner may adopt rules to establish requirements for career and technical education programs and courses in alignment with the system of learning results established in section 6209, to establish procedures for approving career and technical education programs and courses and to otherwise carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

2. Approval required. A career and technical education program must be approved by the commissioner, in accordance with this chapter, in order to:

A. Be offered by a career and technical education center, region or affiliated unit; [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

B. Receive state subsidy; or [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

C. Receive approval for federal funding, except that the commissioner may approve federal funding for new and emerging industry programs prior to granting approval for the career and technical education program. [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

[2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

3. Industry standards. An approved career and technical education program must be designed to enable a student to meet industry standards applicable to the program.

A. The commissioner shall establish an industry stakeholder group to recommend industry standards to be met in each program offered by a career and technical education region, center or affiliated unit. [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

B. The industry stakeholder group under paragraph A shall recommend national industry standards for each program, unless there are no relevant, applicable national industry standards or the group determines that the national industry standards do not meet the needs of students and employers in this State. [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

C. If the industry stakeholder group under paragraph A does not recommend a national industry standard for a program, the commissioner shall convene one or more stakeholder groups to adopt or create state industry standards for that program. [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

D. The commissioner shall accept or reject the industry stakeholder group's recommendations under this subsection. If the commissioner accepts the recommendations, those industry standards become the applicable industry standards for the program. If the commissioner rejects the recommendations, the commissioner shall either designate alternative standards or ask the stakeholder group to make other recommendations. [2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

[2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

4. Learning pathways and articulation agreements with postsecondary institutions; collaborative agreements. To the greatest extent possible, a career and technical education program offered at a center or region must provide students the opportunity to take advantage of any applicable learning pathways, including learning pathways set forth in an articulation agreement with a postsecondary institution or in a collaborative agreement with publicly supported secondary and postsecondary educational institutions that form a dual enrollment career and technical education program pursuant to chapter 229.

[2013, c. 318, §4 (AMD) .]

5. Application. A statewide career and technical education program seeking approval from the commissioner after the effective date of this section must meet the requirements of this section. A program approved by the commissioner prior to the effective date of this section must certify to the commissioner not later than July 1, 2013 that the program meets industry standards.

[2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2011, c. 679, §10 (NEW). 2013, c. 318, §4 (AMD).

Regional Calendar law

Title 20-A: EDUCATION Part 3: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION Chapter 209: SCHOOL DAYS, HOLIDAYS, SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

2-A. Regional school calendars; plan; rules. To be eligible for state subsidy, each school administrative unit and private school approved for tuition purposes shall work with affiliated units, as defined in section 8301-A, subsection 1, in its career and technical education center or school administrative units in its career and technical education region to develop and approve a regional school calendar that aligns the school calendars of sending schools with the school calendars of career and technical education programs in the region. The plan for a regional school calendar must meet the following requirements.

A. There may not be more than 5 instructional days on which one or more of the school calendars of the school administrative units affiliated with a career and technical education center or one or more of the school calendars of the school administrative units within a career and technical education region are not aligned with the regional school calendar. [2011, c. 686, §2 (AMD).]

B. When career and technical education centers or regions overlap, there must be common calendars for each of the schools in those overlapping areas. [2011, c. 686, §2 (AMD).]

C. The authority for approving the regional school calendar must be within the school boards of the local school administrative units. [2003, c. 617, §1 (NEW).]

D. Regional school calendars for Aroostook County may have provisions for waivers of the number of dissimilar days for purposes of agricultural harvesting. [2011, c. 686, §2 (AMD).]

D-1. The commissioner, in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this subsection, may authorize regional school calendars that do not comply with paragraph A if the commissioner determines that all school administrative units in the region have plans and will implement those plans to ensure compliance with paragraph F, notwithstanding the dissimilar calendar days. [2011, c. 686, §2 (NEW).]

E. Plans for regional school calendars that comply with this subsection must be approved and implemented in time for the 2013-2014 school year. [2011, c. 686, §2 (AMD).]

F. All career and technical education students must be given access to career and technical education programs for the entire instructional time required for those programs by department rules. [2011, c. 686, §2 (NEW).]

The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish requirements for regional school calendars. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
[2011, c. 686, §2 (AMD).]

3. Noncompliance. A school administrative unit which fails to comply with this section may not receive its state school subsidy until it provides for future compliance.
[1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

(MOU with MCCS)

Title 20-A: EDUCATION Part 5: POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION Chapter 431: MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM HEADING: PL 1991, C. 548, PT. A, §15 (RPR); 2003, C. 20, PT. OO, §2 (AMD); §4 (AFF)

§12709. Powers and duties of the President of the community college system

11-A. Memorandum of understanding with career and technical education system. To enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Education that establishes a process by which the Maine Community College System will review programs of the career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions established in chapter 313 that are using national industry or state certification standards to determine the nature and amount of college credit that must be awarded upon successful completion of an approved secondary school program. College credits must be awarded upon completion of a program directly to the student regardless of whether the student has matriculated in the college awarding the credit. The awarding of college credits to a secondary career and technical education student does not entitle the student to acceptance into the community college awarding the credits.

[2011, c. 686, §5 (NEW).]