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Vermont State Board of Education
Manual of Rules and Practices
Quality Criteria for Technical Education Programs & New Program Approval
Rule 2380 (3)

- When the program has been developed or substantially changed, the school shall submit to the Secretary evidence that:
 - There is current and projected growth in program related jobs within the region's or state's labor market;
 - The wages paid for program related jobs exceed the average wages for all jobs in the region/state labor market or that there is a social need for individuals with the skills the program provides;
 - The regional advisory board has approved the development of the program and determined that the proposed program does not duplicate existing programs in the region;
 - The program will have a program advisory committee that is comprised of people from program-related industry and post-secondary education and that has played an active role in the development of the program
 - The program meets the criteria for technical education programs

Rule 2380 (1)

- A technical education program shall meet the following criteria in order to receive state approval:
 - The program is based on industry standards that include occupational, workplace, and academic skills;
 - Program competencies have been aligned to the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities and an embedded academic area has been identified and is of a scope that justified the granting of an academic credit;
 - The program has Vermont State Board approved competencies;

- The program prepares students for one or more industry recognized credentials if appropriate to the industry, and/or is articulated with a post-secondary program that offers such a credential;
- The program has one or more articulation agreements with post-secondary education and training programs;
- Rubrics have been identified for assessing levels of competence;
- The school has developed appropriate curriculum and provided the equipment and facilities needed to teach the core competencies of the program;
- The program has a student organization as an integral part of its course of studies;
- The program has an instructor with the required licensure and competencies to instruct in the program's core competencies;
- The program is offered at least the minimum instructional time;
- The program has strategies to achieve gender equity in enrollments and outcomes

Rule 2380 (2)

- When planning to initiate or substantially change a career and technical education program, a school or a technical center shall submit to the Secretary a letter of intent to offer a new or revised program.