

2011-12 Carl D. Perkins Secondary Local Plan Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The intent of the Perkins Grant is to develop the academic, career and technical skills of secondary education students. It supports efforts to: develop challenging academic and technical standards and activities designed to help students meet them; preparation efforts for high skill, high wage, and/or high demand occupations; efforts to integrate academic rigor into career and technical instruction; programs that link postsecondary education to career and technical education students; professional development; and partnerships between local workforce investment boards, secondary schools, AVTS, business and industry, etc.

The Warren County Career Center received a Perkins award in 2010-11 in the amount of \$88,273. The grant was used for salaries, contracted services, professional services, field trips, conference and training for staff, supplies and equipment. The administration will prepare a similar application for 2011-12. PDE is warning that the amount available for 2011-12 will most likely be less than the current award.

Amount of Award: The actual amount available is not known at this time. The determination of the amount is made by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) based on an allocation received from the Federal government and a formula determined by the state. Preliminary information from PDE states that 2010-11 funding levels should, in most cases, be a little less than those received in 2009-10.

Due Date/Notification of Award: The application for Perkins funding is due by June 15, 2011, if the district wishes to receive approval to begin disbursing funds by July 1, 2011. The final due date is August 31, 2011. The actual amount available from the grant should be known by the final due date.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The grant will be awarded upon submission of a qualifying application.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit a Perkins Local Plan Grant application to support academic, career, and technical programming at the Warren County Career Center in the 2011-12 school year.