



STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (PERKINS V) AN AMENDMENT TO CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT IV

What can teachers and faculty expect as we move into Perkins V?

The ***Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act***, also known as ***Perkins V***, was signed into law by President Trump on 31 July, 2018 and goes into effect 1 July 2019. Perkins V provides the direction and funding to support high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs that meet both student and employer needs. *What does this mean to you as a secondary teacher or postsecondary faculty member?*

It means:

- You are part of a consortium that is receiving Federal Perkins funding to support Career and Technical Education (CTE) at your district or institution.
- *You don't teach CTE courses?* This information is still important to you because Perkins legislation emphasizes the importance of both academic knowledge and technical skills for graduates' success in the workplace.
- Perkins V requires data-driven decision-making on local spending; spending decisions will be based on a ***comprehensive local needs assessment*** that must be conducted at least every two years. There are opportunities for you as a teacher or faculty member to have input to the local needs assessment; contact your consortium leader for details.

In addition:

Innovation in CTE, equity of access, and development of Programs of Study linking secondary courses and programs with postsecondary CTE programs continue to be areas of emphasis under Perkins V.

Accountability for results is also a factor under Perkins V; Perkins consortia are expected to meet established performance indicators. As a teacher or faculty member, you play a key role in achieving these results.

Efforts to serve special populations within CTE are enhanced under Perkins V; in addition to the special populations categories described in previous Perkins legislation, Perkins V includes 3 additional categories—the chronically unemployed or underemployed, homeless individuals, and youth with active-duty military parents.

To learn more about **Perkins V** and the **Perkins Grant for Career and Technical Education** and how you can be involved, contact your secondary or postsecondary Perkins coordinator within your consortium. The directory can be found at <http://minnstate.edu/system/cte/directories/perkinscoordinators.html>