

**§ 2354. Local plan for career and technical education programs**

**(a) Local plan required**

Any eligible recipient desiring financial assistance under this part shall, in accordance with requirements established by the eligible agency (in consultation with such other educational training entities as the eligible agency determines to be appropriate) submit a local plan to the eligible agency. Such local plan shall cover the same period of time as the period of time applicable to the State plan submitted under section 2342 of this title.

**(b) Contents**

The eligible agency shall determine the requirements for local plans, except that each local plan shall—

(1) describe how the career and technical education programs required under section 2355(b) of this title will be carried out with funds received under this subchapter;

(2) describe how the career and technical education activities will be carried out with respect to meeting State and local adjusted levels of performance established under section 2323 of this title;

(3) describe how the eligible recipient will—

(A) offer the appropriate courses of not less than 1 of the career and technical programs of study described in section 2342(c)(1)(A) of this title;

(B) improve the academic and technical skills of students participating in career and technical education programs by strengthening the academic and career and technical education components of such programs through the integration of coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical education programs to ensure learning in—

(i) a well-rounded education (as defined in section 7801 of this title); and

(ii) career and technical education subjects;

(C) provide students with strong experience in, and understanding of, all aspects of an industry;

(D) ensure that students who participate in such career and technical education programs are taught to the same coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards as are taught to all other students; and

(E) encourage career and technical education students at the secondary level to enroll in rigorous and challenging courses in order to provide a well-rounded education (as defined in section 7801 of this title);

(4) describe how comprehensive professional development (including initial teacher preparation) for career and technical education, academic, guidance, and administrative personnel will be provided that promotes the integration of coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical education (including curriculum development);

(5) describe how parents, students, academic and career and technical education teachers,

faculty, administrators, career guidance and academic counselors, representatives of tech prep consortia (if applicable), representatives of the entities participating in activities described in section 3122 of title 29 (if applicable), representatives of business (including small business) and industry, labor organizations, representatives of special populations, and other interested individuals are involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of career and technical education programs assisted under this subchapter, and how such individuals and entities are effectively informed about, and assisted in understanding, the requirements of this subchapter, including career and technical programs of study;

(6) provide assurances that the eligible recipient will provide a career and technical education program that is of such size, scope, and quality to bring about improvement in the quality of career and technical education programs;

(7) describe the process that will be used to evaluate and continuously improve the performance of the eligible recipient;

(8) describe how the eligible recipient will—

(A) review career and technical education programs, and identify and adopt strategies to overcome barriers that result in lowering rates of access to or lowering success in the programs, for special populations;

(B) provide programs that are designed to enable the special populations to meet the local adjusted levels of performance; and

(C) provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers, for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency;

(9) describe how individuals who are members of special populations will not be discriminated against on the basis of their status as members of the special populations;

(10) describe how funds will be used to promote preparation for non-traditional fields;

(11) describe how career guidance and academic counseling will be provided to career and technical education students, including linkages to future education and training opportunities; and

(12) describe efforts to improve—

(A) the recruitment and retention of career and technical education teachers, faculty, and career guidance and academic counselors, including individuals in groups underrepresented in the teaching profession; and

(B) the transition to teaching from business and industry.

(Pub. L. 88-210, title I, §134, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 732; amended Pub. L. 113-128, title V, §512(e)(5), July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1707; Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(n)(8), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2170.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2354, Pub. L. 88-210, title I, §134, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3114, related to local plan for vocational and technical education programs, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

## AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b)(3)(B)(i). Pub. L. 114–95, §9215(n)(8)(A), substituted “a well-rounded education (as defined in section 7801 of this title)” for “the core academic subjects (as defined in section 7801 of this title)”.

Subsec. (b)(3)(E). Pub. L. 114–95, §9215(n)(8)(B), substituted “in order to provide a well-rounded education (as defined in section 7801 of this title)” for “in core academic subjects (as defined in section 7801 of this title)”.

2014—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 113–128 substituted “entities participating in activities described in section 3122 of title 29 (if applicable)” for “entities participating in activities described in section 2832 of title 29 (if applicable)”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114–95 effective Dec. 10, 2015, except with respect to certain noncompetitive programs and competitive programs, see section 5 of Pub. L. 114–95, set out as a note under section 6301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113–128 effective on the first day of the first full program year after July 22, 2014 (July 1, 2015), see section 506 of Pub. L. 113–128, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3101 of Title 29, Labor.

**§ 2355. Local uses of funds****(a) General authority**

Each eligible recipient that receives funds under this part shall use such funds to improve career and technical education programs.

**(b) Requirements for uses of funds**

Funds made available to eligible recipients under this part shall be used to support career and technical education programs that—

(1) strengthen the academic and career and technical skills of students participating in career and technical education programs, by strengthening the academic and career and technical education components of such programs through the integration of academics with career and technical education programs through a coherent sequence of courses, such as career and technical programs of study described in section 2342(c)(1)(A) of this title, to ensure learning in—

(A) a well-rounded education (as defined in section 7801 of this title); and

(B) career and technical education subjects;

(2) link career and technical education at the secondary level and career and technical education at the postsecondary level, including by offering the relevant elements of not less than 1 career and technical program of study described in section 2342(c)(1)(A) of this title;

(3) provide students with strong experience in and understanding of all aspects of an industry, which may include work-based learning experiences;

(4) develop, improve, or expand the use of technology in career and technical education, which may include—

(A) training of career and technical education teachers, faculty, and administrators to use technology, which may include distance learning;

(B) providing career and technical education students with the academic and career and technical skills (including the mathematics and science knowledge that provides a strong basis for such skills) that lead to entry into the technology fields; or

(C) encouraging schools to collaborate with technology industries to offer voluntary internships and mentoring programs, including programs that improve the mathematics and science knowledge of students;

(5) provide professional development programs that are consistent with section 2342 of this title to secondary and postsecondary teachers, faculty, administrators, and career guidance and academic counselors who are involved in integrated career and technical education programs, including—

(A) in-service and preservice training on—

(i) effective integration and use of challenging academic and career and technical education provided jointly with academic teachers to the extent practicable;

(ii) effective teaching skills based on research that includes promising practices;

(iii) effective practices to improve parental and community involvement; and

(iv) effective use of scientifically based research and data to improve instruction;

(B) support of education programs for teachers of career and technical education in public schools and other public school personnel who are involved in the direct delivery of educational services to career and technical education students, to ensure that such teachers and personnel stay current with all aspects of an industry;

(C) internship programs that provide relevant business experience; and

(D) programs designed to train teachers specifically in the effective use and application of technology to improve instruction;

(6) develop and implement evaluations of the career and technical education programs carried out with funds under this subchapter, including an assessment of how the needs of special populations are being met;

(7) initiate, improve, expand, and modernize quality career and technical education programs, including relevant technology;

(8) provide services and activities that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective; and

(9) provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers who are enrolled in career and technical education programs, for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency.

**(c) Permissive**

Funds made available to an eligible recipient under this subchapter may be used—

(1) to involve parents, businesses, and labor organizations as appropriate, in the design, implementation, and evaluation of career and technical education programs authorized under this subchapter, including establishing effective programs and procedures to enable informed and effective participation in such programs;