



MEETING of the MINDS Articulation Brainstorming

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Representatives from Dodge City Community College, Garden City Community College and Seward County Community College met on September 20, 2011 to brainstorm about how to strengthen articulation agreements between the community colleges and high schools. All agreed it would be helpful to have a common articulation agreement form. This work will be completed via e-mail with the goal of a common articulation agreement form to be available by the end of this

calendar year (December, 2011) or by the time we schedule the first seminar for admissions, advisors and CTE instructors. A list or diagram illustrating the CTE programs that each community college offers and a list of Career Pathways that each high school offers in our service area will be created by the end of the calendar year (December, 2011) or by the time we schedule the first seminar for admissions, advisors and CTE instructors. With **awareness** as a common goal, we want to provide a seminar-type

experience for bringing CTE and articulation awareness to the admissions personnel, advisors and CTE instructors from the community colleges. This meeting will be held at SWPRSC. Also included in raising **awareness**, we will host a second meeting/seminar/workshop for SW Kansas counselors and administrators at SWPRSC in the spring of 2012. This meeting will highlight and emphasize the CTE offerings of the community colleges and provide information on the process of articulation.



Bill E. Losey, Grant Administrator

American Careers Magazine

Special Points of Interest:

- Free On-Line Professional Development at SWPRSC for CTE teachers, page 2.

An innovative counseling and classroom resource, the American Careers High School Program introduces high school students to career possibilities in 16 career clusters. It also helps them to understand how important it is to choose a high school program and higher education that will meet their future needs.

The program includes a student

publication and higher education that will meet their future needs. The program includes a student publication and the online Teaching Guide with:

- Career profiles of professionals at work in 16 career clusters
- An interest inventory
- Salary and education data for occupations in all 16 clusters and pathways

• Standards-based student projects

The Kansas State Department of Education will only offer the unlimited access online version of this magazine for SY 2011-2012. To access the magazine, [select here](#). It is also available on the KSDE Career and Technical Education website. The Teaching Guide will be available on online blogs in the near future.

Free Professional Development

CTE Teachers are urged to take advantage of free professional development. There are several accountability criteria that the grant must meet in order to receive funding. Some of these include that a high percentage of CTE students score proficient on the state math and reading assessment. The SWPRSC consortium did not meet the reading and narrowly met the math goal. Therefore a big effort has been made to provide professional development to bring literacy strategies to the CTE classroom. These events were not attended last year and grant participants stated they could not afford to be out of their classrooms. To meet this need SWPRSC

Consultants, Mindy Applegate, Matisha Stanton, and Arlene Holderness have created on line professional development opportunities. These opportunities or in the form of on-line blogs listing activities that teachers can use in their classrooms to improve math and reading performance as well as reaching out to special population students with ELL and poverty strategies. In addition SWPRSC has partnered with Mid America Nazarene University in Olathe to provide you with graduate college credit to be used for re-licensure. **The “Supporting English Language Learners in CTE”** blog is intended to support the implementation and maintenance of effective

English Language Learner support strategies in your CTE classrooms and schools. Strategies for English Language are discussed and explored to enhance instruction to reach all students.


Kokopelli Math Strategies Blog will help CTE Teachers impellent and maintain effective math literacy strategies.

Kokopelli Literacy Blog will guide CTE teachers to integrate Language Arts strategies that will impact student achievement. To view these blogs, [select here](#) or go to our website at www.swprsc.org and select the Carl Perkins tab on the left side of the home page and choose “blog”.

Carl Perkins Finances

After much delay in final approval of the budget, requests for reimbursements have been processed at SWPRSC. After the SWPRSC Board of Directors approves the requests submitted thus far, they will be sent out to members what have been patiently waiting. CASE Training and the CTE summer conference have used up the registration fee line item and then some. Adjustments will be made in the future to balance that line item.

To request reimbursements, [select here](#), or go to www.swprsc.org and select the Carl Perkins tab on the left side of the home page and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Please fill out all information and send it in with appropriate documentation for our auditors.

Line Item 	Projected Costs as of 9/1/2011	Estimated balance as of 10/15/2011
Consultant Fees	29,950	26,500
Equipment	32,600	32,600
Externships	8,000	6,000
Honorariums	500	500
Memberships	500	500
Registration Fees	5,899	(-2722)
Substitutes	4,000	4000
Travel	4,000	1,831