

Denver Public Schools
FY06 Perkins Continuation Plan Cover Letter

The Denver Public Schools' Career and Technology Education FY06 Perkins Plan addresses visionary approaches to increasing academic rigor, linking secondary and post-secondary programs, preparing students for in-demand occupations that pay family-supporting wages, and investing in effective, high-quality local programs in a variety of ways. Some of these activities are listed below.

Increasing academic rigor

- Training for CTE teachers in reading and writing in the content area
- Serving as part of the academic curriculum team
- Providing paraprofessional support for special CTE students with special needs
- Creating a National Board Certification Mentoring Program

Linking secondary and post-secondary programs

- Working with students, parents/guardians, teachers and counselors so they have a better understanding of the post-secondary options available through CTE-Escrow Credit and PSEO
- Providing CTE Resource Specialists and/or Goodwill Facilitators to assist students with a smooth transition to post-secondary education and/or the world of work
- Providing middle school and high school students with access to CHOICES software as a tool for planning after high school

Preparing students for in-demand occupations that pay family-supporting wages

- Providing a Digital Currents Summer Camp for potential Computer Magnet Students
- Participating in Girls Exploring Science, Engineering, and Technology event
- Participating in Construction Careers Day
- Promoting non-traditional career options

Investing in effective, high-quality local programs

- Providing professional development monies for CTE teachers for training
- Providing industry standard software and technology for business and marketing programs
- Initiate new CFS Core and Pre-engineering programs.

Other activities that promote these four approaches are identified in blue type in the FY06 Perkins Plan.