

Thomasville City Schools
Application for Career and Technical Education (CTE) State/Federal
Funding
Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Executive Summary

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION: The Local Planning System (LPS) is the vehicle for strategic planning, managing performance, and assuring accountability for CTE. Part I of the LPS is a system overview and strategic planning tool. Part II is designed to attain and maintain performance excellence, as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Data in the LPS is examined annually to measure trend information; analyze system and subsystem performance based on relevant subcategories crucial to stakeholders and customers; set rational short and long-term benchmarks; develop strategies based on the greatest opportunities for improvement (GOFIs); and allocate resources based on the greatest OFIs. Finally, the LPS incorporates the requirements of all applicable state and federal laws which govern CTE in North Carolina. This application must be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction in order to receive and use state and federal funds for career and technical education programs and services in grades 6-12 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The application describes the manner in which we propose to use these funds in accord with the purposes mandated by state and federal legislation.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THESE FUNDS: Career and Technical Education (CTE) is conducted at Thomasville Middle School and Thomasville High School in Thomasville City Schools. Supporting Thomasville City Schools strong academic foundation is a diverse career and technical curriculum in which students are provided opportunities to make classroom instruction relevant to real world situations. Thomasville City Schools career and technical education courses provide students with a variety of options to fulfill the requirements for Future-Ready, Occupational Course of Study, and the North Carolina Academic Scholars. Student credentialing and certification opportunities as well as work-based learning opportunities are available in selected program areas. The ultimate goal of CTE is for Thomasville High School graduates to become successful in a career and contributing members in society. CTE serves Thomasville Middle School students with career exploratory, business, family and consumer science and technology programs. CTE offers a myriad of high school course offerings in seven career pathways. Included in the course offerings supported by the Golden LEAF Grant we will be additional opportunities for our students through the Advanced Manufacturing Program to meet industry and workforce development needs in our area. Expanded course offerings are available through Davidson County Community College. Articulation agreements exist between Thomasville City Schools and Davidson County Community College which allow certain high school Career and Technical Education courses to also qualify for college credit.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES: The major thrusts for CTE in Thomasville City Schools include providing appropriate career clusters opportunities; offering credentialing for students and staff; meeting ESSA requirements; providing appropriate CTE courses for high school students from the North Carolina Standard Course of Study; and supporting high school reform. A major priority is the continuous work on the development and implementation of the Academy of Advanced Manufacturing and Design Innovation course offerings resulting in work-based learning, internship and apprenticeship opportunities for students at Thomasville High School. We will be continuing our commitment to monitor student progress and achievement in technical competency attainment within our career and technical education programs through our Instructional Management System. We will also be working to improve our performance relative to all state Performance Indicators adopted for career and technical education programs by the NC State Board of Education. We will continue to provide opportunities for professional growth for CTE staff and encourage and support National Board certification. Career and Technical Education will continue to support the Thomasville City Schools Strategic Plan in our pursuit of excellence. Activities and priorities will support the mission of CTE which is to help empower students for effective participation in an international economy as world-class workers and citizens. During the 2019-20 school year, we plan to partner with a neighboring school system with similar demographics to share best practices.

All programs, services, and activities administered through this local plan will be in accord with the assurances listed in Part III, Assurances and Certification, of this application.

The plan in its entirety may be found at:

<http://ctelops.dpi.state.nc.us/>

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