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| DATE: | March 21, 2024 |
| SUBJECT: | Refreshed CTE Programs of Study and Updated Cycles for Future Programs of Study and Aligned Industry-Based Certifications |
| CATEGORY: | College, Career, and Military Preparation |
| NEXT STEPS: | Share with CTE staff, campus administrators, and counselors |

Refreshed Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study

Refreshed CTE programs of study will be implemented beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Changes to programs of study are additive and should not negatively impact students who have already started a program of study. Based on recommendations from a cross-sector advisory committee, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released a preliminary [2024-2025 programs of study change crosswalk](#) in October 2023. The changes are now final and are reflected in [updated program of study framework documents](#). Additional resources summarizing changes and supporting implementation of the refreshed programs of study are available on the [CTE programs of study website](#).

Earned IBCs and Aligned Programs of Study Phase-In for College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)

As previously communicated, House Bill 773 (2021) requires TEA to include Program of Study Completers as an indicator within the accountability system. To allow districts time to implement programs of study aligned to industry-based certifications (IBC), the following transition timeline provides guidance on how the alignment will be phased in.

CCMR Credit Requirements for Annual Graduates by Accountability Year

| Annual Graduates | Accountability Year | CCMR Credit Requirement |
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| Class of 2022 | 2023 | Earn IBC (2019–2022 list with sunseting limit) |
| Class of 2023 | 2024 | Earn IBC (2019–2022 & 2022–2025 lists with sunseting limit) |
| Class of 2024 | 2025 | Earn IBC (2019–2022 & 2022–2025 lists with sunseting limit) plus 1 course in aligned program of study ¹ |
| Class of 2025 | 2026 | Earn IBC (2022–2025) plus Concentrator in aligned program of study ² |
| Class of 2026 | 2027 | Earn IBC (2022–2025 & 2025–2030 lists with sunseting limit) plus Completer in aligned program of study ³ |

¹One course that is level two or higher (excludes Career Prep I, Extended Career Prep I, Project Based Research, and/or Scientific Research and Design)

²Two or more courses for at least two credits in the same program of study

3 Three or more courses for four or more credits, including one level three or level four course in the same program of study

For additional details, please review the [2023 Accountability Manual](#).

Updated Cycles for Future Programs of Study and Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

In order to better align updates to both the programs of study (currently every four years) and the list of approved IBCs (currently every 2 years) with cyclical updates to the public school accountability system, TEA will transition to a five-year cycle for updates to both programs of study and IBCs.

The current IBC List for Public School Accountability will remain in place through the 2024-25 school year and the next list will be approved for school years 2025-26 through 2028-29. The IBC evaluation process and timeline will be posted in the fall of 2024.

TEA's refreshed programs of study will be in place for school years 2024-25 through 2028-29. The IBC list and programs of study will be updated for implementation beginning in the 2029-30 school year. See page 17 in this [Programs of Study Refresh for 24-25 presentation](#) for more information.

Questions

More information regarding programs of study and IBCs is available on the Texas Education agency's [CTE webpage](#). Questions can be emailed to the College Career and Military Preparation Division at cte@tea.texas.gov.