

CTE Weighted Funding Pilot Program

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TO THE DISTRICT CTE CONTACT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Participation in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Weighted Funding Pilot Program

House Bill (HB) 3485, 80th Texas Legislature, 2007, added Texas Education Code (TEC) §42.154 (a-1), providing for the establishment of a pilot program under which a participating school district is entitled to additional funding for each student receiving CTE instruction in grade eight. The program goal in accordance with HB 3485 is to develop and implement a statewide pilot to determine the effectiveness of extending the CTE funding weight to grade eight.

Each school year of the program, the participating districts will receive additional weighted CTE funds for students participating in CTE courses in grade eight. The pilot program will begin with the 2008-09 school year and continue through the 2011-2012 school year. Data collection for the pilot programs may continue through October, 2012. CTE state weighted funds of 1.35 for students participating in CTE in grade eight are available to districts selected for the pilot.

Forty-seven school districts submitted a Statement of Interest to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to participate in the CTE Weighted funding pilot project. TEA has selected five districts to participate in the CTE Weighted Funding Pilot Program. Selection was based on the district goals described in the Statement of Interest, geographic and size representation, and the funding amount for the program.

Congratulations to the following districts that have been selected to participate in the CTE weighted funding pilot program:

Denton ISD
Edinburg CISD
Frenship ISD
Jacksonville ISD
Pleasanton ISD

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Jackson
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Standards and Programs