# District Organization

## Philosophy, Goals, and Rationale

Philosophy

American education recognizes two basic needs common to all people. First it recognizes the need for basic general education required to participate fully as a socially responsible citizen. Secondly it recognizes the need for each person to possess those specialized skills and knowledge required for economic productivity. It is the intent of the Area Center to be the vehicle by which an individual will be able to realize his/her full potential.

CTE education will serve two broad purposes. The first purpose is to develop human resources so that every individual has the opportunity to develop and utilize his/her optimum capacities. The second purpose is to be responsive to the talents and skills required by business and industry.

A totally functional system of CTE education will depend on the utilization of the resources available in the Area Center facility, as well as a full utilization of all community resources.

The Area Center will allow participating districts to more feasibly provide a broad CTE program for their students by cooperatively sharing the available resources and costs.

Goals

1. To provide CTE training which is realistic in the light of actual or anticipated opportunities for gainful employment.
2. To assure that CTE training is available to all the youth of Lake County.
3. To provide a wide range of occupational offerings which reflects current and developing job opportunities not necessarily in every community, but in accessible areas or regions within the state.
4. To provide ancillary services such as in-service training for staff, supervision, guidance, the development of curriculum materials, and other activities which will insure quality programs and meet the needs of individual students.
5. To assure that CTE training programs are designed and conducted for persons of all ability levels including the disadvantaged and handicapped.
6. To encourage and implement change through research and experimentation.
7. To coordinate efforts for CTE training among governmental agencies, educational institutions, labor industry, business and the professions.

Rationale

Commissioner Sidney B. Marland of the United States Office of Education states, “I propose that a universal goal of American education, starting now, be this: That every young person completing our school program at grade 12 be ready to enter higher education or to enter useful and rewarding employment.” Commissioner Marland brings into sharp focus the inadequacy of our public education system in preparing our youth for useful and rewarding employment.

The Technology Campus will prepare secondary students for advantageous initial entry into employment in specific or closely allied occupations. The instructional program will be based upon clearly defined skills, proficiencies, and knowledge needed for successful entry into a particular occupational area in which there are opportunities for employment.

Mission Statement

The Lake County Tech Campus is a 'School of Opportunity' dedicated to equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed for success in the modern workforce. By fostering a passion for learning and providing excellence in career-focused instruction and cutting-edge technology, we cultivate meaningful partnerships with industry leaders, employers, and community members to prepare students for post-secondary opportunities, rewarding careers, and lifelong achievement.

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