Kansas WORK*Ready*! Certificate

KANSAS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS PROJECT

FACT SHEET 2011-12

Purpose

- Provide free access to student instruction and/or assessment/testing for targeted areas of study in an approved Kansas Career Cluster/Pathway.
- Provide free access for teacher training for targeted areas of study in an approved Career Cluster/Pathway.
- Support the Kansas State Board of Education goals and policies for Career and Technical Education.

Registration Procedures

- Register for the specific industry-recognized certifications/credentials using the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) online registration at the following link: http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=479
- Registration requests the number of students who will take the assessment.
- Registration and KSDE approval required.
- Deadline for registration is October 17, 2011.

What is Kansas WORK*Ready*!?

- Kansas **WORK***Ready*! Certificate uses ACT, Inc. WorkKeys® assessments to award Career Readiness Certificates to individuals to document their skills in:
  - Applied Mathematics: measures skills used to apply mathematical reasoning and problem-solving techniques to work-related problems.
  - Locating Information: measures skills used to work with workplace graphics such as charts, graphs, tables, forms, maps, diagrams, and instrument gauges.
  - Reading for Information: measures skills used to read and use written text to do a job such as memos, letters, directions, signs, policies, and regulations.
- Go to: https://www.kansasworks.com/ada/mn_workready_dsp.cfm?linksource=em or www.workkeys.org for more information on WorkKeys®.

Targeted Certification/Training

- Kansas **Work***Ready*! Certificate administered through ACT, Inc. WorkKeys®.

Targeted Clusters/Pathways

- All Career Clusters/Pathways
- All currently approved VE2 Programs

Pre-requisites

- Students are enrolled in the appropriate approved program, cluster or pathway.
- Teachers must currently be teaching in the appropriate cluster/pathway/course.
- Schools register with Department of Commerce to issue certificates.

Data Reporting

- Data results will be reported to KSDE by June 30, 2012.

Cost

- There are no direct costs to the district or the individual.
- This portable certificate is made available through the use of Federal funds.

Additional Information

- Reliable and nationally-validated assessment used to evaluate and analyze workplace skills.
- Skills measured are transferable.
- Skills are necessary for most jobs.
- Employer uses the certificate as an additional tool to identify quality applicants.
- Four levels of Kansas **WORK***Ready*! Certificates:
  - Bronze
  - Silver
  - Gold
  - Platinum
- Student presents the certificate to potential employers as documentation of work skill levels.
- Candidates with special needs may receive formally prescribed testing accommodations provided that the accommodations do not compromise assessment security.
- If formally requested by the department of education in the state, the site authorizes ACT WorkKeys® to comply through the release of student-level assessment data.
- Available in Spanish.
- This is a set of three tests for up to 2,968 students.
- Students must earn a 3 or higher on all three tests to qualify for a bronze.
- KSDE will approve registrations based on applicability, availability and non-duplication of students.
- Continuance of this project is contingent upon federal funding.

Testing Window

- Once a student begins the online instruction, they have until May 1, 2012 to complete the testing process.

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