

## Arts, AV Communications and Technology

*“Great teaching can change a child’s life. That kind of teaching is a remarkable combination of things: art, science, inspiration, talent, gift, and — always — incredibly hard work. It requires relationship building, subject expertise and a deep understanding of the craft. Our celebrated athletes and performers have nothing on our best teachers.”*

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, May7, 2013 E-bulletin

**Welcome Back!** I am not sure where June and July went, but here we are at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year. Many things have happened in late Spring and over the Summer. For example, approximately 35 Culinary teachers added the 1st Culinary Academy in Wichita, Kansas has 25 new teachers in our FCS classrooms and KSU and PSU have planned Fall events to promote FCS careers and FCS education specifically. As always, only the top 21 items of interest is being included in this back to school E-NEWSletter. Some items will not apply to you, but all are important to someone on our FCS list serv.

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E-NEWSletter:

### **1. CTE Drive-In Workshop 2013**

Five CTE Drive In workshops provide KSDE-CTE updates and assistance for **strengthening CTE programs/classes!** Teachers, counselors and administrators will learn how integrating academics and CTE **benefits ALL students!** All workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with check-in at 8:30 a.m. Please note a **MINIMUM OF 25** participants is required at each location for the day to be held. Only on-line registration is allowed and registration for the **CTE Drive-In Workshop 2013** is now open at: <http://events.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid=474>

### **PLEASE SEND CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS TO**

KSDE/CTE; Attention: Jessie Cornejo'; 120 SE 10th Avenue; Topeka, Kansas 66612

**Dates and Details (Workshop Fee is \$30, lunch is included).**

**September 5, 2013**

Greenbush Education Service Center

947 W 47 Highway  
Girard, KS 66743

**September 12, 2013**

Clarion Hotel  
1911 E Kansas Avenue  
Garden City, KS 67846

**September 18, 2013**

Ramada Inn Downtown  
420 E 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66607

**September 24, 2013**

Fort Hays State Memorial Union  
700 College Drive  
Hays, KS 67601

**October 1, 2013 (TBD)**

Hutchinson Career and Technical Education Academy  
800 15<sup>th</sup> Circle  
Hutchinson, KS

**2. Safe, Healthy and Prepared Schools Conference—Sept 16-17, 2013 (On line registrations only)** Manhattan, KS

Registration is now open for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe, Healthy and Prepared Schools Conference! The registration link and agenda are located at <http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=467>. Registration fee is only \$25!! This year the keynote speakers are Dr. Horatio Sanchez (brain science and resiliency) and Sharon Watson, Public Affairs Director, Dept. of the Kansas Adjutant General

The nineteen breakout session topics include a variety of topics from media violence and suicide prevention to human trafficking and public health partnerships.

There are pre-conference and post-conference strands addressing topics ranging from family engagement to tackling bullying in schools and will include actual schools presenting their methods in addressing each. See the registration link for details.

**3. NESTING/DOUBLE UP of COURSES:**

(Link:<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kH19wv3Bj3Q%3d&tabid=1660&mid=5193&forcedownload=true>)

**Nesting Of Courses Request Deadline: October 15, 2013**

Nesting of CTE courses is not recommended but case-by-case exceptions may be made by the pathway consultant. To gain approval for nesting, a school must contact the pathway consultant who oversees the pathway where the nesting is to occur and secure written approval for nesting courses. For FCS, this will require the name of the district and number, school, the courses by name and KCCMS code, and why this is deemed the best situation for the pathway. In addition, the decision to nest is to

consider the input of the advisory committee and teacher to ensure it is the best situation for the students involved before a decision is made. The deadline to secure written approval for **nesting** CTE courses is **October 15, 2013**, not December 15, 2013, as was initially listed in CTE publications. Our state auditors begin auditing schools on October 15 each year so the documentation would need to be on file and available for our auditors by that date.

#### **Double Up of Courses:**

There is no longer a cap on the number of students enrolled in an approved double-up. Previously, some pathways had a cap of 19 students that would be funded in a doubled-up course. We have removed the cap but schools are to be cognizant of the quality of instruction and the safety of the classroom when making decisions on the number of students allowed in a doubled-up CTE course. Laboratory courses are difficult to double up and are not recommended. This is especially true of culinary courses and others in which a progression of skill development is vital to the instruction and content of the course and earning of certifications and/or credentials.

### **4. CTE RESOURCES UPDATED**

Please note, the 2014-15 career cluster guidance handbook has been updated and posted on the KSDE website and should be referred to for the career pathways (CPPSA) updates. A one-page fact sheet identifies changes from the 2013-14 edition. Both can be accessed below (Remember, all approved pathways are required to be updated and resubmitted between November 15 and March 15<sup>th</sup> annually)

Here are the links:

Handbook - <http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Career%20and%20Tech%20Ed/2014-2015%20Cluster%20Handbook.pdf>

AND

Fact Sheet of CTE Changes - <http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Fact%20Sheet%2014-15%20pathway%20changes.pdf>

### **5. SB155 and State-Wide Articulation Agreements Overview**

There are two manners in which students can earn college credit—state-wide articulation agreements and SB155. Here is a summary of each:

State-wide Articulation Agreements

- All approved CTE pathways identify a minimum of one to offer students.
- KS has over 55 state-wide agreements in place across the state.
- Free college credit is received when students arrive at that school.
- No fees or book costs charged
- Instruction is tied to approved secondary CTE program.
- District earns weighted funding dollars.

SB155

- Students must be enrolled in the postsecondary school.
- Limited to geographic location for the most part.
- College credit is earned immediately.
- Tuition is paid for, but entrance costs, books and student fees are not paid for.
- Transportation is paid.
- Only tiered CTE post-secondary programs are eligible.
- Not tied with secondary CTE program.
- Districts do not earn weighted funding.

## 6. Great Inspiration Video of Ashton Kutcher Speech

Earlier this week, Ashton Kutcher earned a Teen Choice Award. His 4 min acceptance speech was fantastic. He talked about the three keys to success. It might be appropriate for classroom viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjZVzF0bxfQ>

## 7. SB155 Update for 2013-14

Two new documents concerning the 2013-14 SB 155 legislation have been posted to the KSDE Website. The **first** is the [revised 2013-14 list of certifications](#) that qualify for the \$1000 incentive payment. It is found at:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kKVRLzufrrs%3d&tabid=249&mid=12875&forcedownload=true>

The **second** document is the [SB 155 Reference Materials Guide](#). It contains the qualifying certification list, contact information for each certification, a FAQ section for SB 155, and individual Fact Sheets for each certification occupation. It is found at:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8ejuMlvqzB8%3d&tabid=249&mid=12875&forcedownload=true>

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## 8. Perkins Can Be Used for Professional Dues

According to Martin Hollman, KSDE Perkins Internal Co-Lead, the interpretation allows Perkins dollars can pay for professional dues (if your local district has determined that is an approved use of the funds). It reads: "*Memberships—Professional Dues relevant to approved pathways/clusters*". (page 5)

If you wish to review it yourself, here is the Perkins Document Link:

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=nLRKOUHu6KQ%3d&tabid=291&mid=13790&forcedownload=true>

*Until next time, have a great 2013-14 school year!*

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*"If work is good, people come home with renewed energy for their families. And if family life is good, people come to work with renewed energy for work." Ellen Galinsky*