



## Oversight Policy

The United States Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Labor (DOL) have established CTSOs, rests with state

The federal Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21

<sup>st</sup> Century

Act of 2018 (Perkins V), Section 3. Definitions, defines CTSOs as:

### (6) Career and Technical Student Organization

(A) In general – The term ‘career and technical student organization’ means an organization for individuals enrolled in a career and technical education program that engages in career and technical education activities as an integral part of the instructional program.

(B) State and National Units – An organization described in subparagraph (A) may have state and national units that aggregate the work and purposes of instruction in career and technical education at the local level.

## I. OVERVIEW

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is responsible for oversight of the state affiliate of nine CTSOs, as well as integration of CTSO activities into a state-approved CTE program of study. TEA supports the state affiliate of the following CTSOs:

- BPA - Business Professionals of America
- DECA
- FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America
- FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- National FFA Organization
- FEA - Future Educators of America

## **II. OVERSIGHT**

A. Unless TEA management determines otherwise, a TEA CTE staff member shall provide oversight of the expenditure of Perkins grant funds for one or more CTSO state affiliate(s), but TEA CTE staff shall not be involved in the day-to-day operations (membership dues, finances, conference registration, etc.) of a CTSO state affiliate. The board of directors of each CTSO state affiliate shall adopt and implement bylaws and policies for the efficient operation and fiscal management of the CTSO state affiliate.

B. TEA CTE staff shall:

1. provide oversight regarding the expenditure of Perkins grant funds and collaborate with the CTSO state affiliate board of directors to provide leadership at meetings and conferences;
2. work in partnership with the CTSO state affiliate board of directors to cooperatively evaluate the CTSO state affiliate for effectiveness and compliance with the goals of the CTSO state affiliate regarding expenditures of Perkins funds;
3. serve as ex-officio, non-voting members on the CTSO state affiliate board of directors, including the executive board and its executive sessions and committees;
4. provide administrative leadership regarding the expenditure of Perkins grant funds for the CTSO state affiliate board of directors to ensure that the policies and rules are carried out in a timely and equitable manner; and
5. monitor the CTSO state affiliate's eligibility for and compliance with requirements of Perkins grant funds as established in the funding agreement with TEA.

## **III. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act allows states to use Perkins funds to provide support for CTSOs:

Title I Part C – Local Provisions, Section 135. Local uses of funds.

(c) Requirements for uses of funds -

- (5) plan and carry out elements that support the implementation of career and

TEA CTE staff will verify that an organization meets the requirements to receive Perkins funds as the state affiliate of a national CTSO and monitor state affiliates for fiscal compliance.

A. Each CTSO state affiliate board of directors shall be responsible for ensuring financial accountability and shall implement checks and balances in order to accomplish the organization's purposes.

1. Each CTSO state affiliate shall submit quarterly financial reports of cash disbursements and payments to the TEA CTE staff. At the request of TEA CTE staff, a



