

**Carl D. Perkins
Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006
Policy and Procedural Guide**

Consortium Agreements for Secondary Education

The following policy applies to school districts with annual allocations of less than \$15,000, thereby subject to distribution of funds by consortium agreement.

Sec. 131(f)

(1) Alliance.—Any local educational agency receiving an allocation that is not sufficient to conduct a program which meets the requirements of section 135 is encouraged to-

“(A) form a consortium or enter into a cooperative agreement with an area career and technical education school or educational service agency offering programs that meet the requirements of section 135;

“(B) transfer such allocation to the area career and technical education or educational service agency; and

“(C) operate programs that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective.

(2) Funds to Consortium – Funds allocated to a consortium formed to meet the requirements of this subsection shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium and can be used only for programs authorized under this title. Such funds may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium for purposes or programs benefitting only 1 member of the consortium.

Consortium secondary grantees must meet the requirements of Sec. 131 for the development, implementation and delivery of Perkins funding. Grantees unable to meet the requirements of the law will be subject to non-compliance actions taken by the state.

Consortium applications should be developed with goals and objectives mutually beneficial to all consortium partners. Joint projects and professional development activities are encouraged whenever possible. Partners should meet periodically throughout the year to jointly plan, disseminate information, develop strategies and evaluate continuous improvement practices.

Consortium partner annual Perkins allocations will be transferred to the lead fiscal partner that will oversee programs and purposes benefitting all consortium members.

It is recommended that consortium partners consult with the state to ensure compliance with the law.