CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION HOME EDUCATED STUDENT ACCESS GUIDANCE

Ohio law provides home educated students in grades seven through twelve the opportunity to enroll part-time in career-technical education from an approved public school provider. Home educated students must contact an approved public school provider to identify enrollment dates and admission procedures. Career-technical education program choice and placement for home educated students are subject to approved public school provider admissions and selection procedures for all resident public school students. Home educated students must be enrolled in career-technical education without financial assessment, charge, or tuition, except for assessments, charges, or tuition paid by resident public school students in such programs. Home educated students should contact an approved public school provider at their earliest interest in pursuing career-technical education to ensure communication between school and student covers all requirements for the student to enroll successfully.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *May a home educated student enroll in career-technical education?*
- *How does a home educated student enroll in career-technical education?*
- *May a home educated student be required to pay financial assessment, charges, or tuition?*
- *May a school district receive funding for home educated students enrolled in career-technical education?*
- *Are home educated students guaranteed choice or placement into a career-technical education program?*
- *May a home educated student enroll in academic courses as part of a career-technical education program?*
- *May a home educated student with a disability receive IEP special education services while attending a career-technical education program?*
- *May a home educated student with a disability qualify for and receive services under a Section 504 Plan while attending a career-technical education program?*
- *May a home educated student with a disability who has a Jon Peterson or Autism Scholarship keep their scholarship provider services and attend a career-technical education program?*

May a home educated student enroll in career-technical education?
Yes. A home educated student may enroll part-time in a career-technical education program at their resident district, a district with which their resident district contracts for career-technical education, a joint vocational school district to which their resident district is assigned, or an adjacent district or joint vocational school district that has adopted an open enrollment policy. A home educated student should contact their district of residence to determine who provides the district's career-technical education program.

How does a home educated student enroll in career-technical education?
Home educated students may identify approved career-technical education school districts using the CTE Pathways Alignment Map to explore career-technical education program options that align with their career plans and education goals. Students and families should review the Example Exercise for directions on how to use the alignment map above to identify approved career-technical education school districts with programming aligned to their career interest. Home educated students are responsible for contacting approved career-technical education school districts to understand enrollment timelines and procedures. Enrollment timelines and procedures vary by school district and are subject to local board of education policy.

May a home educated student be required to pay financial assessment, charges, or tuition?
No, except for those assessments, charges, or tuition paid by resident public school students in the same career-technical education program.

May a school district receive funding for home educated students enrolled in career-technical education?
Yes. Students receiving home education are included in the enrolled ADM (average daily membership) of the school district maintaining the career-technical education program as part-time students in proportion to the time spent in the career-technical education program.

Are home educated students guaranteed choice or placement into a career-technical education program?
No. Access to career-technical education under Ohio law does not guarantee any student's choice or placement upon enrollment and is subject to local program capacity and local board of education admission policy that complies with state and federal law regarding career-technical education admission criteria.

May a home educated student enroll in academic courses as part of a career-technical education program?
Yes. Home educated students may enroll in (VA) Career Technical Education Applied Academic courses designating a class as a high school academic class that is integral to the career field workforce development program, and which only enrolls students who are enrolled in a career field workforce development program (VN, VP or VT).
The participation of home educated students in other academic courses that are not designated as integral to the student's career field workforce development program is subject to the career-technical education program provider's policy.

May a home educated student with a disability receive IEP special education services while attending a career-technical education program?
No. A student with a disability who is home educated is not eligible to receive IEP special education services from their district of residence or the career-technical education program provider.

May a home educated student with a disability qualify for and receive services under a Section 504 Plan while attending a career-technical education program?
Yes. Section 504 is a reference to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and is considered a civil rights law. It ensures an individual with a disability has reasonable accommodation to access a program or employment. The career-technical education program provider is responsible for complying with Section 504 with respect to the program it operates. Please contact the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for additional information or to file a complaint.

May a home educated student with a disability who has a Jon Peterson or Autism Scholarship keep their scholarship provider services and attend a career-technical education program?
Yes. Home educated students can maintain their scholarships while participating in a career-technical education program.