**FY2020 Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education Programs Statement of Assurances for Local Education Agencies**

1. Programs, services, and activities included under this agreement will be operated in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Act of 2006 as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), any subsequent applicable acts, and all applicable Georgia public school laws.
2. Funds will be used to support career and technical education programs of such size, scope, and quality to meet the needs of all students served by the local education agency as identified in Section 134(c)(2)(B)(i) and Section 135(b) of Perkins V and to support the objectives included in the Local Education Agency’s (LEA) Four Year Plan.
3. No funds received under Perkins V will be used to require any secondary school student to choose or pursue a specific career pathway or program of study or to mandate that any individual participate in a career and technical education program, including a career and technical education program that requires the attainment of a federally funded skill level, standard, or certificate of mastery as specified in Section 214 of Perkins V.
4. Every public announcement, bulletin, catalog, and application form will contain notice to publicly attest that the institution does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability. An annual public announcement is made in reference to publicizing the programs of Career and Technical education and the announcement is made understandable to all communities within the area to be served. Federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability in educational programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) (Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973) (Age Discrimination Act of 1975). <http://www.ed.gov/print/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/nondisc.html>.
5. The applicant assures that no funds expended under Perkins V will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interest of the purchasing entity, its employees, or any affiliate of such an organization. Personnel authorized to purchase equipment shall be advised of this requirement.
6. The applicant assures that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for career and technical education funds will be provided. Expenditures must be in compliance with standard accounting procedures established by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).
7. Perkins V funds shall be used to supplement and to the extent practical, increase the amount of local/state funds for career and technical education. In no case shall Perkins V funds be used to supplant local/state funds. See Section 211 of Perkins V.
8. In its local application, the LEA shall contain information on the career and technical education course offerings and activities that it will provide with Perkins V funds, including how students, including students who are members of special populations, will learn about their school’s career and technical education course offerings and whether each course is part of a career and technical education program of study as identified in Section 134(b)(2)(C) of Perkins V. Furthermore, the LEA will provide activities to prepare special populations for high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency; prepare career and technical participants for non-traditional fields; provide equal access for special populations to career and technical education courses, programs, and programs of study; and ensure that members of special populations will not be discriminated against on the basis of their status as members of special populations as described in Section 134(b)(5) of Perkins V and to support the objectives as included in the LEAs Four Year Plan.
9. The projected programs, services, and activities identified in the Local Plan/Application for Career and Technical Education were planned in consultation with representatives of the educational and training agencies available in the area to be served and with the participation of members of business and industry, labor organizations, representatives of special populations, parents, students, teachers, and other interested individuals as specified in Section 134(a) of Perkins V as indicated in the local education agency’s Four-Year Plan.
10. The Local Plan/Application for Career and Technical Education, upon approval by the GaDOE, constitutes an agreement to operate, maintain, and fund the programs and services as identified therein.
11. Appropriate career and technical education administration and supervision at the system and school levels will be provided for the proper and efficient operation of programs funded under the Georgia Quality Basic Education Act (QBE) and Perkins V in accordance with State Board Rule 160-5-1-.22 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-5-1-.22.pdf>).
12. Appropriate facilities and qualified personnel will be provided for the programs, services, and activities proposed in this Local Plan for Career and Technical Education.
13. Annual program reports and such other reports as may be required shall be submitted to the GaDOE.
14. The Georgia Statewide TeachGeorgia website (<http://www.teachgeorgia.org>) or an equivalent recruitment and retention tool, is utilized for recruitment and retention of career and technical education teachers, faculty, and career guidance and academic counselors, including individuals in groups underrepresented in the teaching profession (Section 134 (b)(8).
15. Each LEA will annually evaluate progress toward meeting or exceeding each of the core indicators at the United States Department of Education’s approved benchmark, develop and implement strategies and participate in program reviews as conducted by the GaDOE as specified in Section 134(b)(7) of Perkins IV as indicated in the LEAs Five-Year Plan.
16. Evaluation and accountability provisions for LEAs will be carried out in accordance with Section 113 and Section 134(c)(2)(C) and Section 135(b)(5).
17. The Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education is on file with the local school system. The goals and objectives are linked to the budget page for use of Perkins funds.
18. Funds allocated for the Extended Year program will be utilized in accordance with State Board Rule 160-4-3-.09 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-3-.09.pdf>). LEAs shall comply with all accountability and reporting requirements set forth in the grant program application.
19. Funds allocated for the Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) will be utilized in accordance with State Board Rule 160-4-3-.13 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-3-.13.pdf> ). LEAs shall comply with all accountability and reporting requirements set forth in the grant program application.
20. Funds allocated for Industry Certification will be utilized in accordance with state rules and regulations. LEAs shall comply with all accountability and reporting requirements set forth in the grant program application.
21. For the Extended Day program, funds allocated will be utilized in accordance with State Board Rule 160-4-3-.11 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-3-.11.pdf>) and in accordance with state regulations. LEAs shall comply with all accountability and reporting requirements set forth in grant program applications.
22. For the Young Farmer Agribusiness program, funds allocated will be utilized in accordance with State Board Rule 160-4-3-.07 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-3-.07.pdf>) and in accordance with state regulations. LEAs shall comply with all accountability and reporting requirements set forth in the grant program application.
23. Funds allocated for the Food Systems Technology program will be utilized in accordance with State Board Rule 160-4-3-.08 (<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-3-.08.pdf>).
24. Federal funds will be made available subject to final Grant Award and instructions from the United States Department of Education (USED). Funds for state grant programs will be available pending approval of the FY20 state budget.
25. This one-year application for funding is based on the objectives of the Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education as submitted by the local school system.

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise.

By marking this box, the LEA has read, understood, and agrees to abide by the general assurances listed above.