

**§ 115C-154.1. Approval of local career and technical education plans or applications.**

The State Board of Education shall not approve any local board of education career and technical education plans or applications unless the plan or application meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) The programs are in accordance with the purposes of G.S. 115C-151.
- (2) The career and technical education programs and courses are not duplicated within a local school administrative unit, unless the unit has data to justify the duplication or the unit has a plan to redirect the duplicative programs within three years.
- (3) For all current job skill programs, there is a documented need, based on labor market data or follow-up data, or there is a plan to redirect the program within two years.
- (4) New career and technical education programs show documented need based on student demand, or for new job skill programs, based on student and labor market demand.
- (5) All programs are responsive to technological advances, changing characteristics of the work force, and the academic, technical, and attitudinal development of students.
- (6) The local board of education establishes a business advisory council in accordance with Part 4 of this Article. The local board of education shall submit information regarding ongoing consultation with the advisory council as part of the career and technical education local planning system maintained by the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction.

Local programs using the cooperative career and technical education method shall be approved subject to students enrolled being placed in employment commensurate with the respective program criteria. (1987, c. 738, s. 185; 1993, c. 180, s. 3; 2017-57, s. 7.23H(e).)