

Vocational and Skills Center Funding Technical Corrections

Recent policy decisions related to vocational and skills center funding are causing these programs to be left out as the legislature increases basic education funding to meet the McCleary Decision. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has proposed the following technical corrections to the 2013-15 biennial budget to be considered during the 2014 legislative session. These technical corrections are as follows:

1. Other CIS Staffing Ratio

The other CIS staffing ratio represents funding for librarians, nurses, counselors, social workers, and psychologists. These staffing positions are funded at a combined rate of 4.47 per 1,000 student FTE at the prototypical high school, and only 2.02 per 1,000 for vocational and 2.36 per 1,000 for Skills Center programs. The technical correction proposes that the rate per 1,000 student FTE through which other CIS staff are generated be the same across all three programs.

2013-15 Biennial Budget Language			Proposed Technical Correction		
General Ed	Vocational	Skills Center	General Ed	Vocational	Skills Center
4.47 / 1,000	2.02 / 1,000	2.36 / 1,000	4.47 / 1,000	4.47 / 1,000	4.47 / 1,000

2. Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) General Education Multiplier

Vocational and Skills Center MSOC allocations are no longer tied to the general education allotment through a multiplier. This creates a situation where three separate policy decisions will need to be made to increase MSOC in general education, vocational, and skills center programs. From the 2012-13 to the 2013-14 school years Vocational and Skills Center MSOC was only increased by inflation. The technical correction proposes that the Vocational and Skills Center MSOC allocations be based on the general education allocation through a multiplier as was established in SHB 2776.

Suggested Language for CTE Technical Funding Corrections proposed by OSPI 2014

Section 502

Other CIS Staffing Ratio:

(ii) Students in approved career and technical education and skill center programs generate certificated instructional staff units to provide for the services of teacher librarians, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors at an equivalent rate per 1,000 students as is generated by general education students in the prototypical high school.

MSOC language would need to read like this:

(b) Students in approved skill center programs generate per student FTE MSOC allocations (*strike remaining and add*) which equal the rate for general education students calculated in (a) of this subsection, multiplied by a factor of 2.171.

(c) Students in approved exploratory and preparatory career and technical education programs generate a per student MSOC allocation (*strike remaining and add*) that is equal to the rate for general education students calculated in (a) of this subsection, multiplied by a factor of 2.442.