

Readopt with amendment Ed 1301.01, eff 7-14-18 (Document #12573) to read as follows:

Ed 1301.01 Definitions. Terms defined in RSA 188-E:2 shall be used as reference in this rule, in addition to the following:

(a) “Department” means the New Hampshire department of education;

(b) “Qualified project” means a qualified project as defined in RSA 188-E:10, I(f);

(c) “Receiving board” means the school board in the receiving district where a high school or public academy has been designated under RSA 188-E as a regional career and technical education center to serve the region;

(d) “Receiving district” means a receiving district as defined in RSA 188-E:2, V;

(e) “Region” means a collection of sending and receiving districts and at least one regional career and technical education center that are all parties to an agreement that defines the relationship, duties, and responsibilities between the sending and receiving districts;

(f) “Regional career and technical education agreements (RCTEA)” means RCTEA as defined by RSA 188-E:2, V-a;

(g) “Regional career and technical education center (CTE)” means a high school or public academy offering career and technical education program(s) which has been designated by the commissioner as part of a regional career and technical education program under RSA 188-E:1-;

(h) “Sending board” means the school board of a sending district of a high school or a public academy without a school board that has been designated under RSA 188-E as a regional career and technical education center to serve the region;

(i) “Sending district” means a sending district as defined by RSA 188-E:2, VIII;

(j) “Transportation cost” means the reimbursable amount of the total transportation cost for any sending district student who attends a regional career and technical education center or who attends an alternative education program related to RSA 188-E:8, and as provided in Ed 1305.03; and

(k) “Tuition cost” means the reimbursable amount of education cost for a sending district student who attends a regional career and technical education program or an alternative education program related to RSA 188-E:7, and as provided in Ed 1305.02.

Adopt Ed 1304.02, cited and to read as follows:

PART Ed 1304 REGIONAL CTE MANAGEMENT

Ed 1304.02 Regional Career and Technical Education Agreements (RCTEA).

(a) The receiving boards and sending boards within a career and technical education (CTE) region shall submit to the department an agreement signed by the chairs of each of the sending and receiving boards every 4 years, no later than the last day of December of the year preceding the first school calendar year of implementation.

(b) The agreement shall include:

(1) Identification of each sending district and each receiving district comprising the CTE center and identification of each district as either a sending district, receiving district, or whether the district is both a sending and receiving district;

(2) The method by which CTE seats are apportioned to each sending and receiving district including provisions for the apportionment of seats for chartered public school, non-public school, and home-schooled students residing in the sending district consistent with RSA-E:2, VIII(b);

(3) A statement of calendar alignment among the sending and receiving districts, including no more than 10 instructional days, following Labor Day of each calendar year, out of alignment among all signatories or provisions for waiver by the commissioner of dissimilar days for extenuating or emergency purposes;

(4) A statement of agreement to minimize schedule conflicts through the alignment of district level and program schedules, with the goal to better support CTE students with as many hours as possible to fulfill their program requirements;

(5) A statement of how sending and receiving districts shall coordinate granting full or partial credit for academic and graduating credits by a sending district when a student demonstrates competency in academic or elective subject areas as determined by evidence provided to a sending district by a receiving district; and

(6) Provisions for:

a. Any prerequisites for participation in CTE programs;

b. Assurances that any prerequisites are incorporated into the program of studies of each sending and receiving district; and

c. Ensuring that students are appropriately advised of any prerequisites for any CTE program participation;

(7) A plan for sending and regional schools to provide tuition and transportation for any student from a sending district who wishes to attend a CTE program consistent with RSA 188-E:6, RSA 188-E:7, and RSA 188-E:8; and

(8) A requirement that, no more than once during the term of the RCTEA, the CTE Director(s) determine whether a report addressing any constraints in funding for tuition and transportation

that need to be addressed to continue the CTE program(s) should be submitted to the commissioner pursuant to RSA 188-E:1-a, V.

(d) In the case of any local education agency (LEA) that is not a school district, including, but not limited to Pinkerton Academy, the consortium of sending districts formed for the purpose of receiving Federal Perkins funds for CTE shall act as the sending district(s) for the region in which the LEA is located.

(e) A region may request an annual calendar alignment waiver in the case of a region with more than 10 instructional days out of alignment where there are emergency or extenuating circumstances preventing calendar alignment. A waiver request shall:

(1) Provide an outline of the process needed to plan and reach no more than 10 days out of calendar alignment, including:

- a. Proposed action;
- b. Person(s) responsible; and
- c. Anticipated completion date;

(2) Be outlined in an appendix to the agreement and labeled as “Appendix A”; and

(3) No waiver shall be extended beyond July 1, 2026.

(f) The commissioner shall grant an annual waiver request if the commissioner determines that the region has presented credible evidence of an emergency or extenuating circumstances preventing a calendar alignment.

(g) Students enrolled in districts not entering into regional agreements may attend designated career and technical education centers or designated career and technical education programs in the region of normal attendance if space allows after annual enrollment is finalized.

(h) Students enrolled in or residing in a district that has not entered into a regional agreement shall be reimbursed by the department for tuition and transportation.

(i) Non-public, public chartered school, or home-schooled students residing in a region of normal attendance may attend designated career and technical education centers or designated career and technical programs in the region in a manner not more restrictive than the policy governing school district resident students, pursuant to RSA 193:1-c.

Appendix

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Ed 1301.01	RSA 188-E:2

Ed 1304.02	RSA 188-E:1-a, RSA 188-E:5
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