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meeting the vocational education needs of the students involved in the project.

(b) Each State board receiving financial assistance for the basic programs may consider granting academic credit for vocational education courses that integrate core academic competencies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2468e (b) and (d))

§ 403.63 How does a State carry out the State Vocational and Applied Technology Education Program?

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated in the regulations in this part, a State board shall carry out projects, services, and activities under the State Vocational and Applied Technology Education Program—
 - (1) Directly:
- (2) Through a school operated by the State board;
- (3) Through awards to State agencies or institutions, such as vocational schools or correctional institutions; or
- (4) Through awards to eligible recipients.
- (b) For the purpose of paragraph (a) of this section, a State board acts directly if it—
- (1) Carries out projects, services, or activities using its own staff (except at a school operated by the State board); or
- (2) Contracts for statewide projects, services, or activities such as research, curriculum development, and teacher training.
- (c) The regulations in this part also authorize a State to carry out certain projects, services, and activities under the State Vocational and Applied Technology Education Program by making an award to an entity other than an eligible recipient, such as a community-based organization, employers, private vocational training institutions, private postsecondary education institutions, labor organizations, and joint labor management apprenticeship programs.
- (d) If projects, services, and activities are carried out by a school operated by the State board under paragraph (a)(2) of this section or are carried out by a State agency or institution under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, the requirements dealing with local applications (§§ 403.190 and 403.32(b)(5)(i)) apply in

the same manner as to other eligible recipients.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2323(b)(5), (6); 2335(a)(3); 2335b; 2342(c)(2)(N); and 2343)

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§ 403.70 How must funds be used under the State Programs and State Leadership Activities?

- A State shall use funds reserved under section 102(a)(3) of the Act for the State Programs and State Leadership Activities in accordance with §403.180(b)(3) to conduct programs, projects, services, and activities that include—
- (a) Professional development activities—
- (1) For vocational teachers and academic teachers working with vocational education students, including corrections educators and counselors and educators and counselors in community-based organizations; and
- (2) That include inservice and preservice training of teachers in programs and techniques, including integration of vocational and academic curricula, with particular emphasis on training of minority teachers;
- (b) Development, dissemination, and field testing of curricula, especially curricula that—
- (1) Integrate vocational and academic methodologies; and
- (2) Provide a coherent sequence of courses through which academic and occupational skills may be measured; and
- (c) Assessment of programs conducted with assistance under the Act including the development of—
- (1) Performance standards and measures for those programs; and
- (2) Program improvement and accountability with respect to those programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2331(b))

§ 403.71 In what additional ways may funds be used under the State Programs and State Leadership Activitice?

In addition to the required activities in $\S403.70$, a State may use funds reserved under section 102(a)(3) of the Act for the State Programs and State