



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Alicia Kielmovitch, Senior Director of Policy and Legislation
RE: Locally Created Pathways – Proposed Framework for Approval
DATE: March 5, 2018

A. Proposed Criteria for Approval of Locally Created Pathway (LCP):

- 1) **Collaboration:** LCP must be developed in collaboration (or partnership) with business & industry, postsecondary education & training providers, and/or community organizations. Optional partners may include neighboring schools/districts, career and technical education centers, and other local partners (e.g., Workforce Boards, Chambers of Commerce, etc.);
- 2) **Competency:** LCP must provide students with recognized postsecondary knowledge and skills (e.g., credits, credentials) that prepare students for meaningful postsecondary education/training and/or employment opportunities; AND
- 3) **Continuous Improvement:** LCP must be evaluated and continuously improved based upon the evaluation at the local level. Applicant will serve as a model and point of contact for other districts interested in creating a similar pathway.

B. Proposed Application Process for 2018-19 Academic Year:

- SBOE staff, in consultation with the Commission of Higher Education (CHE), Department of Education (DOE), and Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will review LCP applications and draft a recommendation for the Board's consideration.
- SBOE will approve, table, or reject the LCP.
 - *Approved LCPs:* LCP joins state's "Graduation Pathways Library" and all Indiana schools may start utilizing LCP immediately.
 - *Tabled/Rejected LCPs:* SBOE (in addition to DOE, CHE, and DWD) staff will work with applicant over the next two months to address issues and resubmit.

C. Proposed Application Timeline for 2018:

- The Graduation Pathways are effective beginning with the class of 2023, though *may* opt-in to a Graduation Pathway in lieu of the graduation qualifying examinations prior to then. As such, there is no requirement that schools establish a LCP prior to the 2018-19 school year. Schools may use 2018-19 as a planning year for the development of their LCP(s). Schools planning to implement a LCP are encouraged to do so no later than the 2019-20 school year.
 - **April 2018:** Board approves Framework; directs staff to create school application for LCPs that will be posted on the SBOE website (www.in.gov/sboe).
 - **June 2018: Application reviews open; applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through October.**
 - SBOE, CHE, DOE and DWD staff will review individual applications over one (1) month period from receipt of application.
 - Staff will engage with applicant regarding clarifying questions and potential updates to application.
 - Staff will draft a recommendation for SBOE consideration; recommendation will be shared with applicant and SBOE at least one week before next scheduled Board meeting, per standard operating SBOE procedures.
 - **July-November 2018:** SBOE will consider staff recommendation and approve, table, or reject pathway at next scheduled Board meeting on a rolling basis for 2018-19 school year.
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