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July 29, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eligible recipients of Section 132 (Postsecondary) Perkins IV Federal Career and Technical Education Funds Authorized by Public Law 109-270

FROM: Loretta Costin *Loretta Costin*

SUBJECT: Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) and Perkins IV Funds

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) recently issued non-regulatory guidance related to the implementation of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV).

Our Division has received inquiries related to the use of Perkins IV federal funds for expenditures associated with Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI), Program number 9001710/S990001. Refer to D.18-21 on page 10 and 11 of the attached OVAE guidance document. Upon review of this matter, the following policy should be followed when determining appropriate expenditures related to VPI.

The Division of Career and Adult Education recognizes that:

- VPI is listed in the course code directory under Adult Education, we will initiate a name change at the next available opportunity;
- VPI provides individualized, basic skills-related instruction (such as reading, math, writing), it does not lead to technical skill proficiency;
- VPI does not meet all parts of the definition of “career and technical education” as required by section 3(5) of the Act;
- The definition of “career and technical education” specifically excludes courses/programs that are remedial in nature;

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- The definition also requires that courses/programs provide “coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards” and “technical skill proficiency” as delineated in sections 3(5)(A)(i) and (ii); and,
- Perkins funds may be used for support services for special populations as described in section 3(29) and (31).

Therefore, effective July 1, 2009, Perkins IV funds are not permitted to supplement VPI costs. Please be advised that federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998 (AEFLA) funds may be used to supplement VPI expenditures.

If you have any questions, please contact Darl Walker at 850-245-9020 or via e-mail at darl.walker@fldoe.org.

Thank you.

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Attachment:

1. United States Department of Education Non-Regulatory Guidance