CDIP Approved Programs: Selection Criteria and Review Process

The Career Development Incentive Program (CDIP) list is updated and published annually by the Colorado Workforce Development Council and its business and industry partners to ensure content is demand driven. During this time, both existing programs and district requested credentials are reviewed for inclusion in the approved programs list for the following school year.



Submissions due August 30

Credentials must be submitted by a district representative through the CDIP website.

Districts must also submit one letter from their local workforce board that verifies the demand and usage of the certification in the field.



Occurs annually in September

Criteria:

- Is the credential attainable for a student in grades 9-12?
- Does the program meet the rigor requirement?
- Does the credential align to a Top Job?
- Is the credential in demand in Colorado?



Occurs annually in Sept./Oct.

Criteria:

- Is the credential recognized by business and industry in Colorado?
- Are there valuable credentials missing from the list?

Reviewed with:

- Statewide industry associations
- Sector partnerships
- CTF advisories
- Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium
- Workforce boards



Occurs annually in December

The approved programs list for the following school year is published in the annual Talent Pipeline Report.

What is a Top Job?

Colorado's economy features Top Jobs that cross a variety of industries and geographies across the state. Top Jobs in Colorado meet three criteria:

- High annual openings
- Above average growth
- A good wage

View Colorado Top Jobs as published in the annual Talent Pipeline Report.

What else is involved in the industry review process?

- Each credential is reviewed by the approripate industry to ensure it is in demand and aligned with an employment opportunity. To evaluate this criteria, partners consider the credential's hiring value and utilization in the industry.
- Industry partners also evaluate whether there are valuable credentials missing from the list that should be added.

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