

# Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program

Improving Academic and Occupational Achievement in Career and Technical Education

## Technical Assistance Program Commitment

Despite a decade of reform and rising public expenditures for education, little has changed in most high schools to prepare students for the demands of work and further education. The Technical Assistance Program (TAP) is focused on assisting schools in raising student academic achievement. The technical assistance is designed to support career and technical centers (CTCs) and high schools with approved programs by offering these sites multiple resources at minimal cost.

### Purpose

The purpose of this program is to significantly raise the academic and technical achievement of all students enrolled in approved career and technical education programs at a CTC or high school which take advantage of this opportunity. Through this program, BCTE will assist CTCs and their sending school districts with raising student performance on academic assessments and occupational end-of-program assessments. Each participating school agrees to align their Perkins local application activities for increasing student achievement with the TAP activities and participate in all professional development activities provided by BCTE.

### Goal

The academic targets and skill attainment targets are based on the meaningful progress targets negotiated as part of the Perkins V grant process for indicators 2S1 Keystone Literature, 2S2 Keystone Algebra, and 5S4 Skill Attainment.

### TAP Activities

Your school has confirmed all TAP services you will participate in during the 2023-2024 school year. Schools were chosen to participate in the TAP activities based on the review of the *Intent to Participate Survey* responses and a school's ability to most benefit from each TAP activity. By signing and returning your Memorandum of Agreement (MOU), you agree to participate in all TAP activities listed on the MOU. **Each school must commit to the training and coaching days listed for each activity. BCTE staff expects schools to commit to and participate in the TAP activities listed on the MOU.** If you are unable to participate in an activity listed on your MOU, contact Erin Young at [elw12@psu.edu](mailto:elw12@psu.edu). This information will be reported to the BCTE staff.

Most TAP activities include training days and coaching days. The number of days required for each activity is listed on the following activity description pages. **TAP consultants will contact each school to schedule training and coaching days after the MOU is received.**

Due to the ongoing updates to school safety regulations, TAP consultants will adapt training and coaching sessions to meet the specific needs of each school. Activities will be delivered as face-to-face, synchronous, or asynchronous as feasible and appropriate for each school.