

New Skills For Youth Frequently Asked Question and Answer

1. What assistance will KDE provide as part of this initiative, especially around the funding of students attending another district's school for all day career academies?
 - a. Schools districts can create interlocal agreements that will detail the contributions from participating districts. A sample interlocal agreement will be placed on the KDE NSFY webpage to assist schools with this.
2. What is the definition of a Career Academy and where can we locate the working definitions associated with NSFY?
 - a. All definitions can be found in the NSFY Glossary located at:
<http://education.ky.gov/CTE/nsfy/Pages/KY-NSFY.aspx>
3. As part of this initiative will districts take over the operations of state run Area Technology Centers?
 - a. During the application phase of this initiative, the applicants must include a plan to transition an Area Technology Center or Locally Operated Technical Center to become an all-day regional career academy. During the first year of the planning phase, applicants will also work with the Kentucky Department of Education in determining a future plan of funding for Career and Technical Education.
4. For rural districts with transportation limits, will online opportunities be available for use? Can KDE provide information/resources focused on online learning options for career and technical education? Can KDE assist in determining what online options are appropriate for CTE?
 - a. Blended and online opportunities can be a part of the plan for creating and operating the regional career academy. Also, please note that vocational transportation funds can be used for some of the transportation expenses associated with this.
 - b. OCTE can work with districts to provide guidance during the planning phase of the grant to determine which courses would be most appropriate for online learning opportunities, however we would not provide guidance on which individual vendors could be used for those opportunities.
 - c. Schools should also review the Digital Learning Guidelines at:
<http://education.ky.gov/school/diglrn/Documents/KY%20Digital%20Guidelines%20v4.0.pdf>
5. What is the benefit of a locally operated technical center transforming into a regional career academy?
 - a. A regional academy approach is an all-day environment where rigorous technical and academic education are tied to a student's chosen career interest and career pathway.
6. The term High-Wage is used for Industry Sectors, what makes an Industry Sector High-Wage?
 - a. The entire sector must have an average annual salary of at least \$35,000.