

Chapter PI 17

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY PROGRAM

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Note: Chapter PI 17 was created as an emergency rule effective on July 2, 1984.

PI 17.01 Purpose and application. The purpose of this chapter is to establish policies and procedures and to administratively interpret s. 38.32, Stats., relating to the vocational education instructor occupational competency program to be established by the department. This chapter is adopted pursuant to ss. 38.32 (4) and 227.014 (a), Stats.

Note: Forms used in administering this rule are available from the Bureau for Vocational Education, Department of Public Instruction, 125 South Webster Street, Box 7841, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

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PI 17.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

- (1) "Department" means the department of public instruction.
- (2) "Program" means the vocational education instructor occupational competency program.
- (3) "Public high school" means a high school operated by a public school board.
- (4) "Public school board" means the school board or board of education in charge of the schools of a school district.
- (5) "School district" means a school district as defined under s. 115.01 (3), Stats.
- (6) "School district administrator" means the school district superintendent, supervising principal or other person who acts as the administrative head of a school district and holds an administrator's license.
- (7) "State superintendent" means the superintendent of public instruction of the state of Wisconsin.
- (8) "Vocational education instructor" means a person licensed by the department to teach vocational education under s. PI 3.07 (5) or 3.07 (6), and who has entered into a teaching contract with a public school district.

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PI 17.03 General. (1) The program shall be designed to provide vocational education instructors in public high schools with temporary work experience in business and industry in order to improve their knowledge and skills in the subjects they teach.

(2) To the extent possible, grants awarded under the program shall be equally distributed on a statewide basis.

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(3) No person employed by a business or industry participating in this program may be terminated from employment, laid-off or otherwise displaced as a result of that business or industry participating in the program.

(4) No grant may be awarded to any public school board that conflicts with a collective bargaining agreement.

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PI 17.04 Grant applications. (1) Public school districts shall disseminate information to vocational education instructors informing them of the program.

(2) A vocational education instructor desiring to participate in the program shall inform his or her school district administrator of his or her intent to be considered for funding under the program. Participation in the program shall be voluntary on the part of the vocational education instructor and public school board.

(3) If the public school board determines that the vocational education instructor should be allowed to participate in the program, it may file an application for a grant.

(4) The application for a grant shall be on forms prescribed jointly by the board of vocational, technical and adult education and the department, and shall be filed with the department.

Note: Form PI-1378 Application/Claim—Occupational Competency Program.

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PI 17.05 Grant awards. (1) Grant awards for vocational education instructors employed by high schools in public school districts shall be made by the state superintendent.

(2) In determining whether a grant award will be made, based upon a particular application, the following criteria shall be applied:

(a) The potential for improved instruction resulting from participation in the project.

(b) The need for upgrading the vocational education instructor's skills after considering technological advances in the subject area taught by that person.

(c) The number of grant awards made in that particular cooperative educational service agency (CESA) area.

(d) The availability of funds.

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PI 17.06 Conditions of the grant award. (1) Each business or industry participating in the program shall certify that no person employed by that business or industry will be terminated from employment, laid-off or otherwise displaced as a result of that business or industry participating in the program.

(2) Grant awards under the program shall only be used to partially pay the salaries and fringe benefits of teachers participating in the program.

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(3) Any grant award received by a public school board shall at a minimum be equally matched by the public school board.

(4) Each vocational education instructor shall, within 60 days of completion of participation in the program and on forms provided by the department, submit a written evaluation to the public school board and the department which evaluates the work experience and provides proposals for incorporating any new ideas into the curriculum.

(5) Prior to September 15, on forms provided by the department, each participating public school district and business and industry shall evaluate its participation in the program and forward a copy of this evaluation to the department.

Note: Form PI-1377 Evaluation of Occupational Competency Program.

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