

**Title: Collection of Program of Study Delivery Method for Career and Technical Education Students**

*Purpose of collection:* In order to meet new Federal reporting requirements, PDE seeks to collect a new data element, Program of Study, which will be added to the existing Delivery Method code set for approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. The Delivery Method code set currently contains codes for Occupational Delivery and Tech Prep Delivery designations.

*Burden to LEA/School Entity:* LEAs submitting these data should already have this information contained in their local Student Information System since they are running approved CTE programs. Therefore, the requested change should pose a minimal impact to these institutions.

*Rationale:* This change is required to satisfy federal Perkins IV reporting requirements. The Perkins regulation requires each state to develop Programs of Study (secondary to postsecondary alignment of curriculum) operating under a statewide articulation agreement. The statewide articulation agreement specifies content in courses offered by the secondary institution that align with course content at the postsecondary institution. This allows a secondary student to earn college level credit for the course taken.

*When collected:* PIMS Summer Collection for SY 2009-10

*New data elements to be collected (related to PIMS Template):* A new element will be added to the existing Delivery Method code set for Program of Study. The new code set will be:

- 50 – Occupational
- 60 – Tech Prep
- 70 – Program of Study

These data will be collected in Field #7 – Delivery Method Code on the CTE Student Fact template.

*Interested persons are invited to submit comments to [RA-PIMSComment@state.pa.us](mailto:RA-PIMSComment@state.pa.us) on or before August 4, 2009.*