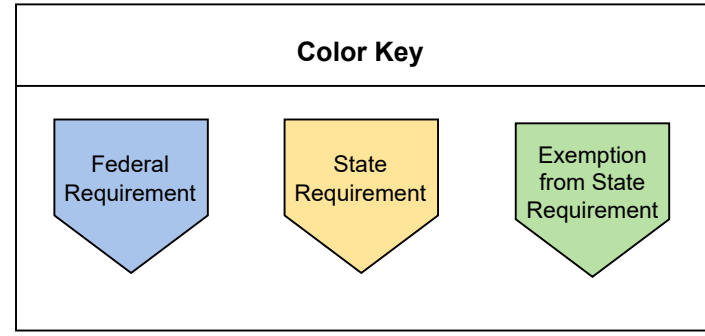


This flowchart was developed to help Louisiana School Systems to determine if an activity (budget item) is allocable in Perkins. This flowchart only addresses the Louisiana Perkins state plan and the Perkins Federal law.



Is the activity identified as a need in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment?

No → Not Allocable

Perkins §135.A: Each eligible recipient that receives funds under this part shall use such funds to develop, coordinate, implement, or improve career and technical education programs to meet the needs identified in the comprehensive needs assessment

Yes → Does the activity meet the definition of Teacher Professional Development?

Yes → Is the activity included in answer to Program Specific question #8?

No → Does the activity meet the definition of Career Exploration?

No → Is this prior year carry over funds?

Yes → Is the activity aligned to your three regionally identified clusters or locally determined fourth cluster?

No → Not Allocable

Louisiana State Perkins Plan §2.e: The Perkins law specifies that expenditures may only be made to address needs identified in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. This Plan goes further to require that the needs must be identified and that the activities supported with Perkins funds must be within one of the three career clusters (or fourth if approved).

Yes → Is the activity aligned to a Program of Study?

No → Not Allocable

Louisiana State Perkins Plan §2.e: Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, Perkins funds will only be utilized for Perkins Eligible CTE Programs of Study included in the regionally identified clusters. Louisiana will continue to allow for career exploration and professional development activities to be funded regardless of the CTE cluster alignment

Yes → Is the activity aligned to a dual enrollment course in the LCTCS approved Program of Study for the cluster?

No → Is the activity aligned to a state focus list IBC in the LCTCS approved Program of Study for the cluster?

No → Is the activity aligned to a non-universal high school course included in the LCTCS approved Program of Study for the cluster?

No → Is the activity aligned to the LCTCS funding approved universal courses EMR or NCCER core?

No → Not Allocable

LCTCS Program of Study Guidance Issued July 8, 2021: By definition, a program of study incorporates a broad range of courses including foundational, general education, prerequisite, and universal. The inclusion of any course, especially general education, prerequisite, foundational or universal, as part of a Perkins Eligible CTE Program of Study does not imply that the course and its activities are eligible for Perkins Funding (see Definitions). Only career and technical education activities, recognized postsecondary credentials, and courses whose activities build technical competencies in the Perkins Eligible CTE Programs of Study will be funded with Perkins funds.

Yes → Have you addressed all required uses of funds in either the Perkins Budget or Program Specific Questions?

No → Not Allocable

Perkins §135(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR USES OF FUNDS. Funds made available to eligible recipients under this part shall be used to support career and technical education programs that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective and that...

No → Not Allocable

Perkins §131.f.2: Funds allocated to a consortium formed to meet the requirements of this subsection shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium and can be used only for programs authorized under this title. Such funds may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium for purposes or programs benefiting only 1 member of the consortium.

Yes → Is the alignment clearly reflected in the appropriate Program Specific Question?

No → Budget item will be rejected until addressed

Yes → Is the Program of Study stated in the budget?

Yes → Is the budget item mutually beneficial?

No → Are you part of a Consortium?

Allocable

Does this activity align to allowable expenditures per Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG), General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), and Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)?

Yes → Is the activity included in answer to Program Specific question #8?

No → Budget item will be rejected until addressed

Yes → Is the activity included in continuum of career exploration for Program Specific question #3?

No → Is the alignment clearly stated in the budget?

To further promote continuous improvement of career and technical education, an eligible recipient should not continue to spend Perkins funds on a specific activity within a Perkins Eligible CTE Program of Study for more than three consecutive years, unless program improvement and/or program expansion is evident within the Perkins Eligible CTE Program of Study or the eligible recipient provides evidence that discontinuation would adversely affect program size, scope, and quality and a plan to transition support, for the activity, to other funds. To ensure a renewed focus on this expectation, the first of the three years will begin with the 2021-2022 school year.