

## Montana Big Sky Pathway *Request for Approval with Assurances*

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) calls for states to offer “career and technical programs of study,” known as **Big Sky Pathways** in Montana, as an option to students and their parents when planning for and completing future coursework. These programs, at a minimum, must:

- Incorporate and align secondary and postsecondary education elements,
- Include academic and CTE content in a coordinated, non-duplicative progression of courses,
- Offer the opportunity, where appropriate, for secondary students to acquire postsecondary credits, and
- Lead to an industry-recognized credential or certificate at the postsecondary level, or an associate or baccalaureate degree.

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| Name of High School:  |   |  |
| Name of Lead Teacher:   |   | Name of Counselor:                                   |
| The Lead Teacher will be contacted if OPI has questions about this request  |   |  |
| Lead Teacher's email address:   |   | Phone number:  |
| Name of College:  |   |  |
| Name of College Lead Faculty Member:  |   |  |
| Please check that the Big Sky Pathway meets all 10 requirements for approval  |   | √  |
| 1.  | Includes all state and local graduation requirements  |  |
| 2.  | Identifies the appropriate secondary CTE, academic, and recommended elective courses offered by this high school which will prepare the student for college-level courses without remediation |  |
| 3.  | Outlines a non-duplicative sequence of courses from grades 9-12 and from secondary to postsecondary education   |  |
| 4.  | Prepares students for entry into a postsecondary program or apprenticeship  |  |
| 5.  | Leads to an industry-recognized credential or certificate at the postsecondary level, or an associate or baccalaureate degree   |  |
| 6.  | Includes appropriate state standards and/or industry skills standards.  | Identify standards:                                  |
| 7.  | Aligns with a program offered by a Montana two-year community college or college of technology.   | Identify college:<br>Identify program:               |
| 8.  | Links with a web-based guidance delivery system such as MCIS.   | If using something other than MCIS, please indicate: |
| 9.  | When applicable, dual enrollment opportunities have been identified. This includes dual credit courses, and college-credit only courses offered at the high school, at the college, or online | Identify course(s):                                  |
| 10.   | When applicable, Advanced Placement courses and CTE statewide articulations have been identified.   | Identify course(s):                                  |
| By my signature below, I assure that the Big Sky Pathway submitted for approval by this high school meets all of the following criteria.  |   |  |
| <i>Principal's Signature:</i>   |   | <i>Date:</i>   |
| <i>High School Advisory Committee Member's Signature:</i>   |   | <i>Date:</i>   |
| <i>College Chief Academic Officer's Signature:</i>  |   | <i>Date:</i>   |
| <i>College Advisory Committee Member's Signature:</i>   |   | <i>Date:</i>   |
| Please submit this <i>Request for Approval with Assurances</i> form and a copy of the Big Sky Pathway to:<br>OPI, Career and Technical Education, P.O. Box 202501, Helena, Montana 59620-2501 |   |  |
| OPI Specialist Approval:  |   | Date of Approval:                                    |
| <i>Both the college and the high school will receive a signed copy when the BSP is approved.</i>  |   |  |

