



State School Aid Section 61b CTE Early Middle College (EMC) and CTE Dual Enrollment Tool Kit

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Many acronyms and abbreviations are used in this publication, and overall, by Michigan CTE professionals. A user-friendly and searchable directory of common terms is located on the Michigan Department of Education’s Office of Career and Technical Education (MDE-OCTE) website under CTE Instructional Resources, [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#).

OVERVIEW

This Tool Kit is designed as a source of information and guidance for Career Education Planning District (CEPD) administrators and 61b Intermediate School District (ISD) fiscal agencies.

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education (MDE-OCTE) oversees the State School Aid Act of 1979, Section 388.1661b funding. Section 61b allocates funding from the State School Aid fund appropriation for the expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Early Middle College (EMC) and CTE dual enrollment programs. The purpose of these programs is to increase the number of Michigan residents with high-quality degrees or credentials.

All state school aid funding and requirements are subject to change based on the annual passage of the State School Aid budget.

The most current Section 61b legislation is on the OCTE Funding and Monitoring page under State School Aid.

SECTION 61B COMPONENT DEFINITIONS

This section defines formula funding, strategic plans, and planning grants. Additional guidance for each section will be provided later in the document.

FORMULA FUNDING

Section 61b legislation defines how the funding formula is calculated:

(a) The MDE-OCTE shall determine statewide average CTE costs per pupil for each Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code by calculating statewide average costs for each CIP code for the three most recent fiscal years.

(b) The distribution to each eligible CTE EMC or CTE dual enrollment program is the product of 50% of CTE costs per pupil times the pupil enrollment of each eligible CTE EMC or CTE dual enrollment program in the immediately preceding school year.

If the allocation under Section 61b(1) is insufficient to fully fund payments as otherwise calculated under this section, the department shall prorate payments under this section on an equal percentage basis.

High school students enrolled in *eligible* CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment programs in the prior year will generate Section 61b funding.

The funding amount is calculated by Program Serial Number (PSN) = [# of Students Enrolled in each eligible CIP Code] x [CIP Code's 3yr average cost per student] x 50%. Funding is prorated if the total exceeds the available allocation.

Section 61b Funds by PSN are summed at the CEPD level and distributed to the ISD serving as the 61b fiscal agency for the CEPD.

Eligible means:

CTE EMC: Students reported in a course in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS), in a CTE EMC PSN, in a CIP code that is listed on the 61b Top 5 Career Cluster CIP Codes list and coded 3500 in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

CTE Dual Enrollment: Students reported in a Regular CTE PSN in a course identified in CTEIS as a course type that provides dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment college credit on a college transcript in a CIP code that is listed on the Section 61b Top 5 Career Cluster & Eligible CIP Code list. Please Note: The college credits must be placed on the student's college transcript in the year in which the student earned them.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan requires that the 61b ISD fiscal agent collaborate with the career education advisory council (CEAC) in the workforce development board (WDB) service delivery area to develop one regional strategic plan that aligns CTE programs and services into an efficient and effective delivery system for high school students. MDE-OCTE has aligned CEPDs, WDB service delivery areas, and ISDs for the purpose of creating one regional strategic plan for each WDB service delivery area.

One result of strategic planning is the career cluster ranking to determine CIP codes that are eligible to receive Section 61b formula funding.

PLANNING GRANTS

From the Section 61b allocation is an amount set by the Legislature for *competitive* grants to ISDs or consortia of ISDs for the purpose of planning for *new or expanded* CTE EMC programs.

The grants can be used to develop and plan the opening of a new EMC as well as expand a current EMC. Planning grant dollars can be used in the same manner as foundation allowance funding for planning, marketing, supplies, equipment, staff, etc. A group of reviewers, selected by the MDE-OCTE, will review and score the applications.

Year-end reports on accomplished activities and expenditures will be due to the MDE-OCTE.

FORMULA FUNDING PROCESS AND FISCAL AGENTS

Fiscal Agent Eligibility-Section 61b(2) states:

“From the funds allocated under subsection (1), the department shall allocate an amount as determined under this subsection to each ISD serving as a fiscal agent for state-approved CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment programs in each of the CEPDs identified by the department. An ISD shall not use more than 5% of the funds allocated under this subsection for administrative costs for serving as the fiscal agent.”

FISCAL AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES

To be an eligible fiscal agent, an ISD must complete the following in a form and manner determined by the MDE–OCTE:

- (a) Distribute funds to eligible CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment programs in a CEPD.
- (b) Collaborate with the CEAC in the WDB service delivery area to develop one regional strategic plan that aligns CTE programs and services into an efficient and effective delivery system for high school students. The department has aligned CEPDs, WDB service delivery areas, and ISDs for the purpose of creating one regional strategic plan for each WDB service delivery area.
- (c) Implement a regional process to rank career clusters in the WDB service delivery. The process and forms for reporting the career cluster rank list for each region will be developed by the MDE–OCTE.
- (d) Report CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment program and student data as prescribed by MDE and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).

Fiscal Agent Reporting Requirements

To receive 61b funds, a CTE EMC or CTE dual enrollment program 61b fiscal agent shall furnish all information needed to administer the program, meet reporting requirements, allow the department or the department’s designee to review all records related to the program for which it receives funds, and shall reimburse the state for all disallowances found in the review, as determined by MDE.

LOCAL DISTRICT STUDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All CTE high school courses that cover segments or competencies (other than Q or Z) should be reported in CTEIS for CTE EMC students.

For CTE EMC students who have completed all high school segments or competencies in a CTE program and are enrolled in an advanced studies/postsecondary occupational course(s) (represented by Segment Q or Competency Z), the district is only required to report one CTE EMC postsecondary occupational (non-Ged Ed) course in CTEIS per year to generate state categorical funding.

NOTE: All courses not reported in CTEIS (CTE and non-CTE) must be reported in the Teacher Student Data Link TSDL.

All CTE courses reported in CTEIS are transferred to CEPI to be included in the TSDL collection data. However, if a district chooses to report the CTE EMC student in both CTEIS and TSDL – the student should be reported with a “subject area code” of “00” in TSDL.

It is recommended that districts enter enrollments in CTEIS as they occur to alleviate a reporting burden at the end of the year. If a student is reported in CTEIS as enrolled in a CTE program at any time during the year (even just for one semester or one trimester), they will be eligible to generate funding.

Can you have dual enrollment (DE) and a CTE EMC pathway in the same CIP Code?
Yes. However, a student must be reported in EITHER the regular CTE PSN OR the CTE EMC PSN for the year—not both. CTEIS will prevent districts from reporting students in the same CIP Code in the same building and in two different PSNs during the same year.

The district should report the student (for the entire year) in the program in which they were enrolled at the end of the school year.

Fiscal Agent Payments

ISDs serving as the 61b fiscal agent for the CEPD will receive the 61b allocation in their state aid payments.

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

Section 61b funds shall only be expended in 61b eligible programs.

Districts may expend 61b funds on any item(s) associated with the 61b eligible programs for which the district would normally use foundation allowance.

A program receiving funding under section 61a(1) may receive 61b funding for allowable costs that exceed the reimbursement the program received under section 61a(1).

A 61b fiscal agent may use from 0% to 5% of the total 61b funds generated for program administrative costs; this does not include carry-over funds.

Once a student enrolls in a CTE EMC or CTE dual enrollment program that is eligible for 61b funds, that student continues to qualify for 61b funds (if they remain in that program) until graduation, even if the program's career cluster is no longer ranked in the top five.

If the CTE PSN that generated 61b funds closes, has no enrollment, or is not offered in the year that funds are received, the CEPD may expend the funds in another 61b eligible PSN within the same operating agency. If that operating agency does not offer any 61b eligible PSNs, the CEPD may expend the funds in any 61b eligible PSNs within the CEPD.

If a CEPD has a new CTE EMC or CTE dual enrollment program operating in its first year that will generate 61b funds in the next year, 61b funding may be spent on this program.

It is recommended that each ISD 61b fiscal agent develop consortia agreements to clearly define the process for distribution of 61b funds within the CEPD.

Carry Over of 61b Formula Funds

MDE-OCTE does not recommend carry-over of funds from one year to the next as it can imply a lack of sound fiscal planning. However, there may be extenuating circumstances in which carry-over is appropriate. Section 61b funds must be expended by the grant recipient before the end of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the funds are received (State School Aid Section 18a).

Carry-over and administration funding:

The 61b ISD fiscal agent may take up to 5% for administration. Administration is figured on the amount of funding generated in CTEIS based on the previous school year's enrollment. The 61b ISD fiscal agent shall not collect 5% administration on carry-over funding.

Carry-over scenario for 61b fiscal agent formula funds:

A 61b ISD fiscal agent is allocated \$50,000 in 61b(1) formula funds to disperse in **2021-2022**. The 61b ISD fiscal agent reports \$45,000 in expenditures for **2021-2022**.

The 61b ISD fiscal agent carried over the \$5,000 not spent in **2021-2022** to spend in **2022-2023**.

In the fall of **2022-2023**, the 61b ISD fiscal agent is allocated \$50,000 to disperse in 61b funding.

The \$5,000 of carry-over funding will be shown in a separate report in CTEIS for the **2021- 2022** school year report.

Expenditures reported for the **2022-2023** year will be applied to the \$5,000 of **2021-2022** carry-over funding first. Once the carry-over funding is expended, expenditures will then apply to the current year report (**2022-2023**).

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

SECTION 61B(4):

A regional strategic plan must be approved by the career education advisory council (CEAC) before submission to the MDE-OCTE.

A regional strategic plan must include, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) An identification of regional employer needs, based on a ranking of all career clusters in the WDB service delivery area, ranked by 10-year projections of annual job openings and median wage for each standard occupational code in each career cluster as obtained from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Standard occupational codes within high-ranking clusters may be further ranked by median wage and annual job openings. The CEAC located in the WDB service delivery area shall review the rankings and modify them, if necessary, to accurately reflect employer demand for talent in the WDB service delivery area. A CEAC shall document that it has conducted this review and certify that it is accurate. These career cluster rankings must be determined and updated once every four years.

(b) An identification of educational entities in the WDB service delivery area that will provide eligible CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment programs, including local districts, ISDs, postsecondary institutions, and noncredit occupational training programs leading to an industry-recognized credential.

(c) A strategy to inform parents and students of CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment programs in the WDB service delivery area.

(d) Any other requirements as defined by the MDE-OCTE.

PLANNING GRANT PROCESS

SECTION 61B(8):

There is an allocated amount from the state school aid fund allocation for grants to ISDs or consortia of ISDs for the purpose of planning for new or expanded EMC programs.

ISDs are encouraged to work collaboratively within their WDB's CEAC to complete the planning grant application. Programs must be in one of the most current top five career clusters as ranked in any strategic plan by one or more of the WDB service areas and approved by the CEAC.

To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, an ISD or consortia of ISDs must provide matching funds equal to the grant received under this subsection.

The grants are competitive and will be reviewed by a committee. If there are more eligible applicants than funds available, funds will be awarded until exhausted. If funds remain, that are not requested by applicants, they will be added to the 61b formula.

An ISD or ISD consortium that has not received a planning grant in the past three years will receive an additional five points on the rating rubric.

MDE-OCTE reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Final activity outcomes and expenditure reports will be required.

The department shall make payments via state aid to the ISD listed on the application as the fiscal agent.

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES:

Carry-over of 61b Planning Grants will not be allowed. Any funding not expended by the due date set by the MDE-OCTE will be recaptured.

Applicants must spend the grant award on the items and amounts that were approved as a part of their grant application.

CTE EMC PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND PROGRAM SERIAL NUMBERS

All CTE EMC programs must have their own Program Serial Number (PSN). Districts should submit a New Program Application to obtain approval for a CTE EMC program and to request a new PSN.

Directions to apply for a new CTE EMC PSN can be found in the [New CTE Program Application Tool Kit](#).

CTEIS student reporting while a new program application is being reviewed by the MDE-OCTE:

- Districts must first obtain approval for the EMC in which the CTE EMC program will be operated.
- An application for a new CTE EMC program can be submitted in the same year as the application for the EMC.
- CTE EMC student reporting in CTEIS is contingent upon MDE-OCTE approval of the EMC and the year in which it opens.

Reporting for districts with an approved EMC that are applying for a CTE EMC PSN:

- Students who are expected to participate in a CTE EMC program must be coded 3500 in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) by the fall general collection certification date of their junior year.
- Once a CTE EMC program application is approved, a new PSN will be assigned to that program. The CTE EMC students should be reported under the new PSN assigned to the CTE EMC program in CTEIS.
- If, for some reason, the CTE EMC application is not approved, remove the 3500 code from MSDS for all students in that program.

61B REPORTING GENERAL TIMELINE

(Contingent on State School Aid budget)

1. Student enrollment and CTE expenditures, including section 61b formula funds, are reported in CTEIS.
2. Section 61b Planning Grant applications and reports are submitted in the [MDE CTE Portal](#).

Month	Formula Funds	Planning Grants
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August		61b Planning Grants due.
September		September 30 - Deadline to expend funds for previous year Section 61b Planning Grants.
October		October 30 - Final Activity Outcomes Report due for Section 61b Planning Grants. Section 61b Planning Grant Award Notices are sent to ISD fiscal agents.
November	See due dates for 4033 Expenditure Reports under Important Dates on CTEIS.com . For guidance on reporting expenditures in CTEIS, including 61b expenditure approvals please see general 4033 Expenditures guidance and 61b Monitoring Tool Guide on the CTEIS Knowledgebase .	November 30 - Final <u>Expenditure Reports</u> due for Section 61b Planning Grants.
May	Deadline for reporting all CTE EMC and CTE dual enrolled students into course sections of CTEIS (to check against MSDS for correct Unique Identification Codes (UICs) and 3500 coding). See due dates under Important Dates on CTEIS.com main web page .	EMC Planning Grant Application Released.
June	Go to CTEIS.com for year-end CTE EMC and CTE dual enrollment entry deadlines. June 30 - Deadline to submit EMC 3500 Coding Appeal-11 th grade students only. June 30 - Deadline to expend funds for Section 61b formula funds.	

61B EXPENDITURE AND STUDENT REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS IN CTEIS

For assistance on student and expenditure reporting instructions, please visit [CTEIS Support](#) or contact CTEIS at CTEIS.Help@PTDTechnology.com or 517-333-9363 ext. 128.

SECTION 61B ELIGIBLE CIP CODES

The most recent list of 61b eligible CIP codes may be found in [Section 61b Top 5 Career Clusters and Eligible CIP Codes](#).



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