

in §403.130, unless the State board determines pursuant to §403.201(a)(3) that a broader evaluation is required. A recipient may conduct the evaluation required under this paragraph by evaluating either the entire population of participants or a representative sample of participants.

(2) The annual evaluation must be based on the standards and measures developed by the State board in accordance with §§403.201 and 403.202, including any modifications made by the recipient in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(b)(1) Each recipient may modify the State standards and measures based on—

(i) Economic, geographic, or demographic factors; or

(ii) The characteristics of the populations to be served.

(2) Modifications must conform to the assessment criteria contained in the State plan.

(c) Each recipient, as part of the annual evaluation required in paragraph (a) of this section, and with the full participation of representatives of special populations, shall—

(1) Identify and adopt strategies to overcome barriers that are resulting in lower rates of access to, or success in, vocational education programs for members of special populations; and

(2) Evaluate the progress of individuals who are members of special populations.

(d) Each recipient, as a part of the annual evaluation required in paragraph (a) of this section, shall evaluate its progress in providing vocational education students with strong experience in and understanding of all aspects of the industries the students are preparing to enter.

(e) Each recipient may use funds awarded under a basic program listed in §403.60 or a special program listed in §403.130 to support the cost of conducting the evaluation required under paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section to the extent that the costs are—

(1) Reasonable and necessary;

(2) Related to the purposes for which the funds were awarded; and

(3) Consistent with applicable requirements, such as the requirement in §403.196 to use funds awarded under

title II of the Act to supplement, and not to supplant, State and local funds.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2325(a) and 2327(a))

**§403.192 What are the requirements for program improvement?**

(a) If, beginning not less than one year after implementing the program evaluation required in §403.191, a recipient determines, through its annual evaluation, that it is not making substantial progress in meeting the standards and measures developed by the State under §§403.201 and 403.202, the recipient shall develop a plan for program improvement for the succeeding school year.

(b) The plan must be developed in consultation with teachers, parents, and students concerned with or affected by the program, and must describe how the recipient will identify and modify projects, services, and activities receiving assistance under the programs listed in §§403.60 and 403.130 that are in need of improvement, including a description of—

(1) Vocational education and career development strategies designed to achieve progress in improving the effectiveness of the recipient's projects, services, and activities receiving assistance under the programs listed in §§403.60 and 403.130 evaluated under §403.191(a)(1); and

(2) If necessary, the strategies designed to improve supplementary services provided to individuals who are members of special populations.

CROSS REFERENCE: See 34 CFR 403.204.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2327(b))

**§403.193 What are the information requirements regarding special populations?**

(a)(1) Each local educational agency that receives funds under Title II of the Act shall provide to students who are members of special populations and their parents information concerning—

(i) The opportunities available in vocational education;

(ii) The requirements for eligibility for enrollment in those vocational education programs;