

Career-Technical Education Funds Expanded Use Guidance for Dropout Recovery Community Schools

Ohio Law permits dropout recovery community schools who primarily serve students through dropout prevention and recovery programs to use career-technical education funds for providing support services after graduation. The dropout recovery community school may spend career-technical education funds to assist recent graduates in securing post-secondary placement, including careers with state, regional, or local labor organizations.

The dropout recovery community school may spend a portion of career-technical education funds to provide recent graduates with the following short-term, emergency financial assistance for expenses related to:

- Transportation,
- Childcare,
- Housing, and
- Food insecurity.

The dropout recovery community school may spend a portion of career-technical education funds received to provide recent graduates with support services including but not limited to:

- Health care,
- Dental care,
- Mental health care, and
- Addiction services.

The eligible expenses must occur within the first twelve months following the student's graduation from the dropout recovery community school.