

## HOME ECONOMICS CAREERS AND TECHNOLOGY (HECT) EDUCATION

### Determining Eligibility for Application (Recognition)

HECT teachers should use the following to determine if their program(s) are eligible for recognition.

Program:  Consumer and Family Studies  
 Home Economics Related Occupations Career Pathway Program

Career Pathway(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Name of Programs/Department

- Use Home Economics Careers and Technology Programs as umbrella title
- Use Consumer and Family Studies (formerly Consumer and Homemaking Education)
- Use HERO career pathway program titles

#### 2. Curriculum and Instruction

- Aligned program content with the Model Curriculum Standards
- Implemented a comprehensive introductory course (9-10th grade)
- Career pathway consists of three courses (comprehensive core, specialized, and a HERO course)
- Interdisciplinary projects and curriculum integration is evident

#### 3. Career Guidance

- The Home Economics Career Path Planner is used with students annually
- Both Consumer and Family Studies and Home Economics Related Occupations programs are articulated with middle grade and community colleges/universities as appropriate
- Informational meetings and brochures are used on an ongoing basis
- Career pathway materials have been developed and shared

#### 4. Business and Industry Partnerships/Involvement

- The Home Economics Careers and Technology teachers are involved in industry partnerships
- An CFS program advisory committee meets twice annually with members representing community agencies, parents, middle grade CFS and community college instructors, students and school counselors or administrators
- A HERO career path advisory committee meets twice annually with business and industry representatives who reflect the career path program as well as parents, students, educators, employers and labor union representatives

#### 5. Facilities, Equipment and Materials

- The facilities have been painted and refurbished recently
- Instructional materials and resources reflect current technology
- Are comparable to those used in business and industry and/or homes in the community

**6. FCCLA Leadership and Citizenship Development**

- \_\_\_\_\_ FCCLA Chapter is established and currently affiliated with the National FCCLA Association.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership and citizenship skills instruction is provided throughout the program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Members and advisors participate in region and state activities annually

**7. Program Promotion**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Program promotion activities are conducted throughout the year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Program promotion videos, fliers and brochures are updated annually
- \_\_\_\_\_ Instructors and students create *favorable "PR" opportunity*

**8. Program Accountability/ Planning/ Assessment**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The performance assessment system is based on content standards
- \_\_\_\_\_ A variety of authentic assessments are ongoing: portfolios, projects, presentations, writing and written responses, work samples, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Annual program reviews are conducted to keep the program on the cutting edge

**9. Professional Development**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Instructors annually participate in professional conferences, workshops and seminars or internships designed to enhance or expand their knowledge of Home Economics Careers and Technology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Instructors hold valid credentials to teach assigned courses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor(s) use a variety of instructional strategies/materials and effective teaching techniques to enhance student learning

**10. Work-based Learning**

- \_\_\_\_\_ CFS programs provide career awareness and exploration activities in the nine home economics related career pathways (job shadowing, career fairs, speakers, field trips, volunteer experiences, and community service projects)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HERO programs provide mentoring experiences, laboratory based simulations, and supervised occupational experiences ranging from observation to complex job performances as determined by industry validated standards

**11. The program meets or exceeds most criteria and may be ready to be certified as a program of excellence!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ My program is ready to be certified as a **Program of Excellence!**  
(Contact your Home Economics Careers & Technology Regional Supervisor)