



# WEST ORANGE – COVE CISD

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**Date:** June 14, 2012

**To:** West Orange-Cove CISD Board of Trustees

**From:** Silvia E. Martinez, Ed.D.

**Re:** **Course Requirement Modifications:  
Career & Technical Education (CTE) & Health**

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To better prepare our students for college and career readiness, the following modifications to course requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are requested:

**Consideration:**

8<sup>th</sup> grade - Career Applications & Health (1 semester requirement for each course)

9<sup>th</sup> grade - Business Information Management (BIM) (1 semester requirement)

**Rationale:**

*Career & Technical Education (CTE)*

1. Increase student preparedness for career and college readiness by introducing career portals course at middle school
2. Increase student participation in CTE High School courses and increase student participation in CTE coherent sequence
3. Increase district funding for student participation in BIM course
4. Opportunities for students to gain exposure to keyboarding and software applications relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills

*Health*

1. Earlier student knowledge as a mechanism to guide students toward better decision-making
2. Opportunity for middle school students to earn high school credit

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