

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

March 8, 2011

Accelerated Degree Plan

Board Goal:

Vision, Teaching & Learning, Climate, Parent & Community Involvement, Growth & Change

Purpose of Report:

Provide update on the status of development and implementation of the “Accelerated Degree Plan” that encompasses three educational levels. Design Team: Marty Thompson, Dr. Lee Ann Nutt and Dr. Jeff Allen (ATC-Denton ISD, NCTC and UNT)

Objectives:

- Shorten time and cost for students/parents in the career/technical educational process
- Provide motivation and opportunities for students to accelerate career goal via: Baby steps, early advanced credit, stacking skills to maximize benefit
- Remove “barriers” of repetitive courses and consolidate ATC location for ATC/NCTC dual credit options

Operational Impact:

Each year, plans to add 1-2 newly aligned courses will be presented to the board to expand dual credit opportunities. This development is “currently” supported by CTE, but may be negatively impacted by funding reductions from state/federal sources. Any cuts in federal dollars to Tech Prep and CTE grants may prove detrimental and every effort is under way to maximize the development stage ASAP.

Results:

“Begin with the End in Mind” Dr. Stephen Covey

Students will have the opportunity to complete an AAS degree within 1-2 semester after graduation and a BAAS degree within two years of high school graduation. The ADP will result in an estimated savings of three years of time and \$25,000-\$50,000 in dollars. Overall, Denton ISD’s GPA/TAKS/Attendance will improve as students prepare to meet qualifications of advanced opportunities.

Other Options:

Do not implement at this time