

Spotlight Strategy: Develop a Standardized and Aligned Curriculum

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Middle Bucks began the process to standardize and align curriculum with industry and academic standards in 2003. At that time, the school year kicked off with professional development that focused on PSSA Math and Reading eligible content standards and how to incorporate them into the CTE programs.

Instructors were taught how to develop curriculum maps for each year of their program that aligned technical competencies with the academic standards. So as to not overwhelm the instructors with this task, maps were developed for one year only.

Once the curriculum maps were complete, the instructors began to modify their duty and task lists, learning guides and weekly lesson plans to include academic standards. The curriculum mapping process took three years to complete but it resulted in greater instructor competency in both technical and academic skills in the classroom.

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