

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

Purpose:

To recognize improvements in student success since entering the CTI program.

Description:

This contest consists of three parts; the CTI competitive event portfolio, an interview with judges, and a notebook to serve as documentation of improvements.

Rules & Procedures:

1. This contest consists of a notebook and an oral interview in addition to the competitive event portfolio.
2. Each contestant will be interviewed and career objectives of the contestant will be stressed along with employability/soft skills in the oral interview.
3. With the support of the CTI coordinator, a plan will be developed to highlight the improvements demonstrated by the student since entering CTI.
4. The time period of improvements is to be determined by the student's coordinator. It may be a review of the previous year compared to the current year. It may be a review of the previous grading period compared to the current grading period.
5. Student should demonstrate improvements in one or more of the following areas.
 - a. Improvements in academic performance
 - b. Improvements in CTAE grades/participation
 - c. Improvements in behavior
 - d. Improvements in social growth
 - e. Improvements in attendance
 - f. Improvements in service to school
 - g. Improvements in service to community
 - h. Improvements in employability skills/performance
6. A Notebook will be constructed that contains documentation of the student's improvements. Contents are limited to 20 pages. **The cover page, table of contents, and Release of Records Review/Student Performance Verification Form are not to be included in the total number of pages.**
7. All information is to be bound in a 3-ring binder.
8. The outside cover of the notebook must contain the following information.
 - a. Name of Contestant
 - b. Name of Competitive Event
 - c. Contestant's Level (Level 1 or 2)
 - d. School Name

Notebook Requirements:

1. Because confidential records are needed for review by the judges, a **Release of Records For Competition Form** must be completed and signed by the parent. This is page 1 of the Notebook. **Failure to include this form will result in disqualification.**
2. The **Student Performance Verification Form** must be completed by the student's CTI coordinator and certified by school administration. This is page 2 of the Notebook. **Failure to include this form with result in disqualification.**
3. Submit documentation of student improvements. Use of charts, diagrams, and graphs are encouraged to illustrate improvements over a period of time. Documentation MUST include:
 1. Pictures
 2. Overall grade point average. Official transcript signed by principal or registrar and showing cumulative grade point average.
 3. Grade point average improvement in career technology class.
 4. Service to the school and/or the community
 5. Social and intellectual growth while enrolled in CTI (At least 2 letters of recommendations)
 6. Improved or excellent overall attendance
 7. On-the-job experience or career technology class experience (letter from job/CTAE supervisor)
 8. Comments and recommendations in a letter by CTI coordinator stating criteria under which this student was selected for CTI and changes occurring in the student.
 9. Report by student- written or typed (minimum of 3 paragraphs and not more than 300 words)

Suggested Interview Questions:

1. What self-improvements have you made since entering CTI?
2. Why do you think that you were able to make these improvements?
3. How do you think these improvements will help you in the future?
4. Are there any other areas that you hope to improve in the future?
5. What are your future goals?
6. How do you feel CTI helped you make these self-improvements?
7. How has CTI been a benefit to you?

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STUDENT PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION FORM

This form should be completed by participants in the MOST IMPROVED STUDENT competition and placed in their competition notebook.

Student Name _____

Student Age _____ Grade Level _____

School Name _____

Starting Date for Comparison _____

Ending Date for Comparison _____

Area(s) of Improvement _____

To the best of my knowledge, the information and items of documentation presented in this notebook for competition purposes are as true and accurate as possible.

Student Signature

Coordinator Signature

School Official/Registrar Signature

School Principal Signature

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RELEASE OF RECORDS FOR COMPETITION

This form should be completed by participants in the MOST IMPROVED STUDENT competition and placed in their competition notebook.

Student Name _____

Student DOB: _____ Grade Level _____

School Name _____

A release of records for competition is necessary for students to participate in the MOST IMPROVED STUDENT competitive event because student records must be reviewed by the CTI State Competition Panel of Judges in order to determine student performance and success as outlined in the MOST IMPROVED STUDENT competitive event rules and procedures.

TYPES OF MATERIAL TO BE RELEASED FOR REVIEW:

- School Discipline Report
- School Attendance Record
- Official High School Transcript
- Current Grade Reports

Student Authorization of Records Release

Date

Parent/Guardian Authorization of Records Release

Date