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Preparing Students for Career Success

through local uses of Federal Perkins Grants
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COLORADO Career & Technical Education

CTE: 120,000 Colorado students getting the education they need to learn, earn and live

This school is an official High School of Business National Site



John F. Kennedy High School, High School of Business

This very rigorous, project-based career and technical education program is available to students through an application process. Students must have a 2.0 GPA and commit to complete the entire program. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded 9 college credit hours. The instructors for the High School of Business Program are Jerry Clayton and Rob Polete. In order to teach this program, the instructors must be certified by MBNA Research. At this time, 17 schools in Colorado are offering this program. Perkins funds were used to help the teachers travel to the training needed for their certifications. Perkins funds also were used to purchase business simulation programs that align with the High School of Business curricula. The simulations represent different environments that might be encountered in the business world. They currently have simulations for a sporting goods store, a clothing store, a factory and an office simulation. Students gain experience in marketing and management in these different scenarios. The instructors are able to vary the scenarios. Students work in teams of 6 throughout the semester. The classroom had to be reconfigured to accommodate these working groups. Perkins funded 32 tablet computers, a computer storage cart, and computer monitors to help accomplish this needed reconfiguration. This new program curricula and design has also increased student participation in the Future Business Leaders of America organization which helps add national recognition to student resumes.