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| ESE LogoStarLogo08_A |  | **Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**  **COORDINATED PROGRAM REVIEW**  **REPORT OF FINDINGS**  **Dates of Onsite Visit:** **February 6-8, 2018**  **Date of Draft Report:** **April 17, 2018**  **Date of Final Report: August 20, 2018**  **Action Plan Due: September 18, 2018**  **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Onsite Team Members:**  **Sarah Peisch, Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) Chair**  **Lisa Weinstein, Office for College, Career, and Technical**  **Education (CCTE) Chair**  **David Valade, Office of Language Acquisition (OLA) Chair** |
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**SCOPE OF COORDINATED PROGRAM REVIEWS**

As one part of its accountability system, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education oversees local compliance with education requirements through the Coordinated Program Review (CPR). All reviews cover selected requirements in the following areas:

Special Education (SE)

* selected requirements from the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-2004); the federal regulations promulgated under that Act at 34 CFR Part 300; M.G.L. c. 71B, and the Massachusetts Board of Education’s Special Education regulations (603 CMR 28.00), as amended effective March 1, 2007. The 2017 - 2018 Web-based Monitoring System (WBMS) districts conducted self-assessments across all criteria.

Civil Rights Methods of Administration and Other General Education Requirements (CR)

* selected federal civil rights requirements, including requirements under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, together with selected state requirements under M.G.L. c. 76, Section 5 as amended by Chapter 199 of the Acts of 2011 and M.G.L. c. 269 §§ 17 through 19.
* selected requirements from the Massachusetts Board of Education’s Physical Restraint regulations (603 CMR 46.00).
* selected requirements from the Massachusetts Board of Education’s Student Learning Time regulations (603 CMR 27.00).
* various requirements under other federal and state laws.
* The 2017 - 2018 Web-based Monitoring System (WBMS) districts conducted self-assessments across all criteria.

English Learner Education (ELE) in Public Schools

* selected requirements from M.G.L. c. 71A, the state law that governs the provision of education to limited English proficient students, and 603 CMR 14.00, as well as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. During the 2017 - 2018 school year, all districts that enroll limited English proficient students will be reviewed using a combination of updated standards and a self-assessment instrument overseen by the Department’s Office of English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement (OELAAA), including a request for information regarding ELE programs and staff qualifications.

Some reviews also cover selected requirements in:

College, Career and Technical Education (CCTE)

* college, career and technical education programs under the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 and M.G.L. c. 74.

Districts providing Title I services participate in Title I program monitoring during the same year they are scheduled for a Coordinated Program Review. Details regarding the Title I program monitoring process are available at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/titlei/monitoring>.

**COORDINATED PROGRAM REVIEW ELEMENTS**

**Team:** Depending upon the size of a school district and the number of programs to be reviewed, a team of one to eight Department staff members conducts onsite activities over two to five days in a school district or charter school.

**Timing:** Each school district and charter school in the Commonwealth is scheduled to receive a Coordinated Program Review every six years and a mid-cycle special education follow-up visit three years after the Coordinated Program Review; approximately 68 school districts and charter schools are scheduled for Coordinated Program Reviews in 2017 - 2018, of which all districts participated in the Web-based Monitoring System (WBMS). The Department’s

2017 - 2018 schedule of Coordinated Program Reviews is posted on the Department’s web site at <<<http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/schedule.html>>>.  The statewide six-year Program Review cycle, including the Department’s Mid-cycle follow-up monitoring schedule, is posted at <<<http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/6yrcycle.html>>>.

**Criteria:** The Program Review criteria for each WBMS review begins with the district/school conducting a self-assessment across all 56 current special education criteria and 26 civil rights criteria. The Office of Public School Monitoring through its Desk Review procedures examines the district/school’s self-assessment submission and determines which criteria will be followed–up on through onsite verification activities. For more details, please see the section on **The Web-based Approach to** **Special Education and Civil Rights Monitoring** at the beginning of the School District Information Package for Special Education and Civil Rights.

The requirements selected for review in all of the regulated programs are those that are most closely aligned with the goals of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 to promote student achievement and high standards for all students.

**WBMS Methods:** Methods used in reviewing special education and civil rights programs include:

Self-Assessment Phase:

* District/school review of special education and civil rights documentation for required elements including document uploads. Upon completion of this portion of the district/school’s self-assessment, it is submitted to the Department for review.
* District/school review of a sample of special education student records selected across grade levels, disability categories and level of need. Additional requirements for the appropriate selection of the student record sample can be found in **Appendix II: Student Record Review Procedures** of the School District Information Package for Special Education.

Upon completion of these two portions of the district/school’s self-assessment, it is submitted to the Department for review.

On-site Verification Phase: Includes activities selected from the following;

* Interviews of administrative, instructional, and support staff consistent with those criteria selected for onsite verification.
* Interviews of parent advisory council (PAC) representatives and other telephone interviews, as requested, by other parents or members of the general public.
* Review of student records for special education: The Department may select a sample of student records from those the district reviewed as part of its self-assessment, as well as records chosen by the Department from the special education student roster. The onsite team will conduct this review, using standard Department procedures, to determine whether procedural and programmatic requirements have been implemented.
* Surveys of parents of students with disabilities: Parents of students with disabilities are sent a survey that solicits information regarding their experiences with the district’s implementation of special education programs, related services, and procedural requirements.
* Observation of classrooms and other facilities: The onsite team visits a sample of classrooms and other school facilities used in the delivery of programs and services to determine general levels of compliance with program requirements.
* Review of additional documents for special education or civil rights.

**Methods for all other programs in the Coordinated Program Review:**

* Review of documentation about the operation of the charter school or district's programs.
* Interviews of administrative, instructional, and support staff across all grade levels.
* Telephone interviews as requested by other parents or members of the general public.
* Review of student records for English learner education and college, career and technical education:  The Department selects a representative sample of student records for the onsite team to review, using standard Department procedures, to determine whether procedural and programmatic requirements have been implemented.
* Surveys of parents of English learners whose files are selected for the record review are sent a survey of their experiences with the district's implementation of the English learner education program and related procedural requirements.
* Observation of classrooms and other facilities: The onsite team visits a sample of classrooms and other school facilities used in the delivery of programs and services to determine general levels of compliance with program requirements.

**Report:** **Preparation:**

At the end of the onsite visit, the onsite team will hold an informal exit meeting to summarize its comments for the superintendent or charter school leader and anyone else he or she chooses. Within approximately 45 business days of the onsite visit, the onsite chairperson will forward to the superintendent or charter school leader (and collaborative director where applicable) a Draft Report containing comments from the Program Review. The Draft Report comments for special education and civil rights are provided to the district/school on-line through the Web-based Monitoring System (WBMS). These comments will, once the district has had a chance to respond, form the basis for any findings by the Department. The district (and collaborative) will then have 10 business days to review the report for accuracy before the publication of a Final Report with ratings and findings (see below). The Final Report will be issued within approximately 60 business days of the conclusion of the onsite visit and posted on the Department’s website at <<http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/>>.

**Content of Final Report:**

*Ratings.* In the Final Report, the onsite team gives a rating for each compliance criterion it has reviewed; those ratings are “Commendable,” “Implemented,” “Implementation in Progress,” “Partially Implemented,” “Not Implemented,” and “Not Applicable.” “Implementation in Progress,” used for criteria containing new or updated legal requirements, means that the district has implemented any old requirements contained in the criterion and is training staff or beginning to implement the new requirements in such a way that the onsite team anticipates that the new requirements will be implemented by the end of the school year.

*Findings.* The onsite team includes a finding in the Final Report for each criterion that it rates “Commendable,” “Partially Implemented,” “Not Implemented,” or “Implementation in Progress,” explaining the basis for the rating. It may also include findings for other related criteria.

**Response:** Where criteria are found “Partially Implemented” or “Not Implemented,” the district or charter school must propose corrective action to bring those areas into compliance with the relevant statutes and regulations.  This corrective action plan (CAP) will be due to the Department within 20 business days after the issuance of the Final Report and is subject to the Department’s review and approval. Department staff will offer districts and charter schools technical assistance on the content and requirements for developing an approvable CAP.

Department staff will also provide ongoing technical assistance as the school or district is implementing the approved corrective action plan. **School districts and charter schools must demonstrate effective resolution of noncompliance identified by the Department as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from the issuance of the Department’s Final Program Review Report.**

# **INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL REPORT**

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a Coordinated Program Review in the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District during the week of February 5, 2018 to evaluate the implementation of selected criteria in the program areas of special education, civil rights and other related general education requirements, English learner education, and college, career and technical education. The team appreciated the opportunity to interview staff and parents, to observe classroom facilities and to review the programs underway in the district.

The Department is submitting the following Coordinated Program Review Report containing findings made pursuant to this onsite visit. In preparing this report, the team reviewed extensive written documentation regarding the operation of the district's programs, together with information gathered by means of the following Department program review methods:

Interviews of:

* Administrative staff
* Teaching and support services staff
* Special education parent advisory council representative
* College, career and technical education Program Advisory Committee members
* Parent of a college, career and technical education student
* College, career and technical education students
* Persons from the general public

Student record reviews:

* Special education student records
* English learner student records
* College, career and technical education student records

Surveys:

* Parents of students with disabilities
* Parents of English learners

Observations of classrooms and other facilities

The report includes findings in the program areas reviewed organized under nine components. These components are:

**Component I: Assessment of Students**

**Component II: Student Identification and Program Placement**

**Component III: Parent and Community Involvement**

**Component IV: Curriculum and Instruction**

**Component V: Student Support Services**

**Component VI: Faculty, Staff and Administration**

**Component VII: Facilities**

**Component VIII: Program Evaluation**

**Component IX: Recordkeeping and Fund Use**

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| The district conducted a self-assessment and the Department reviewed all of the criteria in the specific program areas. The Coordinated Program Review Report includes those criteria that were found by the team to be implemented in a “Commendable” manner, as well as criteria receiving a rating of "Partially Implemented," "Not Implemented," or “Implementation in Progress.” (Refer to the “Definition of Compliance Ratings” section of the report.) **Program Review Reports no longer include criteria receiving a rating of “Implemented” or “Not Applicable.”** This change will allow the district and the Department to focus their efforts on those areas requiring corrective action. For those criteria receiving a rating of “Partially Implemented” or “Not Implemented,” the district or charter school must propose to the Department corrective actions to bring those areas into compliance with the controlling statute or regulation. For any criteria receiving a rating of “Implementation in Progress,” the district must indicate the steps the district will continue to take in order to fulfill the regulatory requirements. Districts are expected to incorporate the corrective actions into their district and school improvement plans, including their professional development plans. |

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| **DEFINITION OF COMPLIANCE RATINGS** | |
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| **Commendable** | Any requirement or aspect of a requirement implemented in an exemplary manner significantly beyond the requirements of law or regulation. |
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| **Implemented** | The requirement is substantially met in all important aspects. |
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| **Implementation in Progress** | This rating is used for criteria containing new or updated legal requirements and means that the district has implemented any old requirements contained in the criterion and is training staff or beginning to implement the new requirements in such a way that the onsite team anticipates that the new requirements will be implemented by the end of the school year. |
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| **Partially Implemented** | The requirement, in one or several important aspects, is not entirely met. |
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| **Not Implemented** | The requirement is totally or substantially not met. |
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| **Not Applicable** | The requirement does not apply to the school district or charter school. |

**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**

**SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE CRITERIA RATINGS**

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|  | **Special Education** | **Civil Rights and Other General Education Requirements** | **English Learner Education** | **College, Career, and Technical Education** |
| **IMPLEMENTED** | SE 1, SE 2, SE 3A, SE 4, SE 5, SE 6, SE 7, SE 8, SE 9, SE 9A, SE 10,  SE 11, SE 12,  SE 13, SE 14,  SE 15, SE 18A,  SE 18B, SE 19,  SE 21, SE 22,  SE 24, SE 25,  SE 25A, SE 25B, SE 26, SE 27,  SE 32, SE 33,  SE 34, SE 35,  SE 36, SE 40,  SE 41, SE 43,  SE 44, SE 45,  SE 47, SE 48,  SE 49, SE 50,  SE 51, SE 52,  SE 52A, SE 53,  SE 54, SE 55,  SE 59 | CR 3, CR 6, CR 7, CR 7A, CR 7B, CR 7C, CR 8,  CR 9, CR 10,  CR 10C, CR 11A,  CR 12A, CR 13, CR 14, CR 15,  CR 18A, CR 20, CR 21, CR 22,  CR 23, CR 25,  CR 26A | ELE 1, ELE 2, ELE 3, ELE 4, ELE 6, ELE 8, ELE 9,  ELE 10,  ELE 13,  ELE 18 | CCTE 1, CCTE 7, CCTE 8, CCTE 9A, CCTE 9B,  CCTE 13,  CCTE 14,  CCTE 15,  CCTE 18,  CCTE 19,  CCTE 22,  CCTE 23,  CCTE 24, CCTE 25 |
| **PARTIALLY**  **IMPLEMENTED** | SE 3, SE 20, SE 29, SE 46, SE 56 | CR 10A, CR 10B, CR 16, CR 17A, CR 18, CR 24 | ELE 5, ELE 7, ELE 14 | CCTE 2, CCTE 3, CCTE 4, CCTE 5, CCTE 6, CCTE 10, CCTE 11,  CCTE 12,  CCTE 20, CCTE 21 |
| **NOT IMPLEMENTED** |  |  | ELE 15 |  |
| **NOT APPLICABLE** | SE 16, SE 17,  SE 37, SE 38,  SE 39, SE 42 |  |  | CCTE 16 |
| **IMPLEMENTATION IN**  **PROGRESS** |  |  | ELE 17 |  |

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| |  | | --- | | **SPECIAL EDUCATION**  **LEGAL STANDARDS,**  **COMPLIANCE RATINGS AND**  **FINDINGS** | |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** |  | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **SE 3** | Special requirements for determination of specific learning disability  When a student suspected of having a specific learning disability is evaluated, the Team creates a written determination as to whether or not he or she has a specific learning disability, which is signed by all members of the Team, or if there is disagreement as to the determination, one or more Team members document their disagreement. | | | |
|  | State Requirements | | Federal Requirements | |
|  |  | | 34 CFR 300.8(c)(10); 300.311 | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of student records indicated that when a student suspected of having a specific learning disability is evaluated, the IEP Team creates a written determination as to whether or not he or she has a specific learning disability. However, not all Team members sign the written determination or, if there is disagreement as to the determination, Team members do not document their disagreement.* |

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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **SE 20** | Least restrictive program selected   1. The program selected is the least restrictive environment for students, with consideration given to any potential harmful effect on the student or on the quality of services that he or she needs. 2. If the student is removed from the general education classroom at any time, the Team states why the removal is considered critical to the student’s program and the basis for its conclusion that education of the student in a less restrictive environment, with the use of supplementary aids and services, could not be achieved satisfactorily. 3. The district does not remove an eligible student from the general education classroom solely because of needed modification in the curriculum. 4. If a student’s IEP necessitates special education services in a day or residential facility or an out-of-district educational collaborative program, the IEP Team considers whether the student requires special education services and support to promote the student’s transition to placement in a less restrictive program. | | | |
|  | State Requirements | | Federal Requirements | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 71B, § 3  603 CMR 28.06(2) | | 34 CFR 300.114-120  34 CFR 300.42 | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of student records indicated that IEP Teams do not consistently state why removal from the general education classroom is considered critical to the student's program and the basis for its conclusion that education in the least restrictive environment, with the use of supplementary aids and services, could not be achieved satisfactorily.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** |  | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **SE 29** | Communications are in English and primary language of home   1. Communications with parents are in simple and commonly understood words and are in both English and the primary language of the home if such primary language is other than English. Any interpreter used in fulfilling these requirements is fluent in the primary language of the home and familiar with special education procedures, programs, and services. If the parents or the student are unable to read in any language or are blind or deaf, communications required by these regulations are made orally in English with the use of a foreign language interpreter, in Braille, in sign language, via TTY, or in writing, whichever is appropriate, and all such communications are documented. 2. If the district provides notices orally or in some other mode of communication that is not written language, the district keeps written documentation (a) that it has provided such notice in an alternate manner, (b) of the content of the notice and (c) of the steps taken to ensure that the parent understands the content of the notice. | | | |
|  | State Requirements | | Federal Requirements | |
|  | 603 CMR 28.07(8) | | 34 CFR 300.322(e); 300.503(c) | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of student records indicated that the district does not consistently provide translated documents, specifically notices and progress reports, for parents whose primary language of the home is other than English and who have requested translations per the Home Language Survey.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** |  | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **SE 46** | Procedures for suspension of students with disabilities when suspensions exceed 10 consecutive school days or a pattern has developed for suspensions exceeding 10 cumulative days; responsibilities of the Team; responsibilities of the district   1. A suspension of longer than 10 consecutive days or a series of suspensions that are shorter than 10 consecutive days but constitute a pattern are considered to represent a change in placement. 2. When a suspension constitutes a change in placement of a student with disabilities, district personnel, the parent, and other relevant members of the Team, as determined by the parent and the district, convene within 10 days of the decision to suspend to review all relevant information in the student’s file, including the IEP, any teacher observations, and any relevant information from the parents, to determine whether the behavior was caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the disability or was the direct result of the district’s failure to implement the IEP-“a manifestation determination.” 3. If district personnel, the parent, and other relevant members of the Team determine that the behavior is NOT a manifestation of the disability, then the suspension or expulsion may go forward consistent with policies applied to any student without disabilities, except that the district must still offer:    1. services to enable the student, although in another setting, to continue to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress toward IEP goals; and    2. as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications, to address the behavior so that it does not recur. 4. Interim alternative educational setting. Regardless of the manifestation determination, the district may place the student in an interim alternative educational setting (as determined by the Team) for up to 45 school days    1. on its own authority if the behavior involves weapons or illegal drugs or another controlled substance or the infliction of serious bodily injury on another person while at school or a school function or, considered case by case, unique circumstances; or    2. on the authority of a hearing officer if the officer orders the alternative placement after the district provides evidence that the student is “substantially likely” to injure him/herself or others.   Characteristics. In either case, the interim alternative education setting enables the student to continue in the general curriculum and to continue receiving services identified on the IEP, and provides services to address the problem behavior.   1. If district personnel, the parent, and other relevant members of the Team determine that the behavior IS a manifestation of the disability, then the Team completes a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention plan if it has not already done so. If a behavioral intervention plan is already in place, the Team reviews it and modifies it, as necessary, to address the behavior. Except when he or she has been placed in an interim alternative educational setting in accordance with part 4, the student returns to the original placement unless the parents and district agree otherwise or the hearing officer orders a new placement. 2. Not later than the date of the decision to take disciplinary action, the school district notifies the parents of that decision and provides them with the written notice of procedural safeguards. If the parent chooses to appeal or the school district requests a hearing because it believes that maintaining the student’s current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others, the student remains in the disciplinary placement, if any, until the decision of the hearing officer or the end of the time period for the disciplinary action, whichever comes first, unless the parent and the school district agree otherwise. | | | |
|  | State Requirements | | Federal Requirements | |
|  |  | | 34 CFR 300.530-537 | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district’s manifestation determination procedures incorrectly state that if a student’s conduct is determined not to be a manifestation of his/her disability, the student’s IEP will be amended to provide educational services during the period of exclusion.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | SPECIAL EDUCATION **VIII. PROGRAM PLAN AND EVALUATION** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **SE 56** | Special education programs and services are evaluated  Special education programs and services are regularly evaluated. | | | |
|  | State Requirements | | Federal Requirements | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 69, section 1A  M.G.L. c. 69, section 11  M.G.L. c. 71B, section 3 | |  | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *Staff interviews indicated that although special education staff members informally analyze outcome data to assess student progress and make programmatic changes as a result, a review of documents and an administrative staff interview indicated that the district does not regularly evaluate its special education programs and services.* |

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| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | CIVIL RIGHTS METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION (CR)AND OTHER RELATED GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS **V. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **CR 10A** | Student handbooks and codes of conduct   1. 1. The district has a code of conduct for students and one for teachers.    2. The principal of every school containing grades 9-12 prepares, in consultation with the school council, a student handbook containing the student code of conduct and distributes it to each student annually, as well as to parents and school personnel; the school council reviews and revises the student code of conduct every year.    3. The principal of every school containing other grades distributes the district’s student code of conduct to students, parents, and personnel annually.    4. At the request of a parent or student whose primary language is not English, a student handbook or student code of conduct is translated into that language. 2. Student codes of conduct contain:    1. procedures assuring due process in disciplinary proceedings and    2. the district’s responsibility to provide every student with an opportunity to make academic progress during the period of suspension whether in-school, out-of-school, or expulsion.    3. appropriate procedures for the discipline of students with disabilities and students with Section 504 Accommodation Plans.    4. if a charter school or a virtual school, the designation by the board of trustees as to who shall serve as the principal and who shall serve as superintendent for the purpose of 603 CMR 53.00. 3. Student handbooks and codes of conduct reference M.G.L. c. 76, s. 5 and contain:    1. a nondiscrimination policy that is consistent with M.G.L. c. 76, s. 5, and affirms the school’s non-tolerance for harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, religion, or sexual orientation, or discrimination on those same bases;    2. the school’s procedure for accepting, investigating and resolving complaints alleging discrimination or harassment; and    3. the disciplinary measures that the school may impose if it determines that harassment or discrimination has occurred. | | | |
|  | Section 504; M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H; M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H ¾; 603 CMR 53.00; 603 CMR 26.08 as amended by Chapter 199 of the Acts of 2011 | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district does not have a code of conduct for teachers. In addition, a review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the student code of conduct incorrectly states that when a student is expelled, no school or school district within the Commonwealth is required to admit the student or to provide the student with educational services, which is in violation of M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H and M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H ½.*  *Lastly, the district’s disciplinary procedures incorrectly state that a student with a Section 504 accommodation plan may be suspended without educational services if the student’s behavior is found not to be a manifestation of the disability.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** |  | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| CR 10B | Bullying Intervention and Prevention   1. Public schools (including charter schools and collaboratives) must update school handbooks to conform to their updated amended Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (Plan). The school handbook (and local updated Plan) must be consistent with the amendments to the Massachusetts anti-bullying law, which became effective July 1, 2013. The amendments extend protections to students who are bullied by a member of the school staff. As defined in G.L. c. 71, 37O, as amended, a member of the school staff includes, but is not limited to, an “educator, administrator, school nurse, cafeteria worker, custodian, bus driver, athletic coach, advisor to an extracurricular activity or paraprofessional.” The school handbook must make clear that a member of the school staff may be named the “aggressor” or “perpetrator” in a bullying report. 2. School and district employee handbooks must also contain relevant sections of the amended Plan relating to the duties of faculty and staff and relevant provisions addressing the bullying of students by a school staff member. 3. Each year all school districts and schools must give parents and guardians annual written notice of the student-related sections of the local Plan. 4. Each year all school districts and schools must provide all staff with annual written notice of the Plan. 5. All schools and school districts must implement, for all school staff, professional development that includes developmentally appropriate strategies to prevent bullying incidents; developmentally appropriate strategies for immediate, effective interventions to stop bullying incidents; information regarding the complex interaction and power differential that can take place between and among a perpetrator, victim and witnesses to the bullying; research findings on bullying, including information about specific categories of students who have been shown to be particularly at risk for bullying in the school environment; information on the incidence and nature of cyber-bullying; and internet safety issues as they relate to cyber-bullying. | | | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 71, s. 37H, as amended by Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010. M.G.L. c. 71, s. 37O(e)(1) & (2). M.G.L. c. 71, s. 370(d), as amended. | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents indicated that the district’s Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan does not include staff as possible aggressors in its definition of bullying.* |

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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| CR 16 | Notice to students 16 or over leaving school without a high school diploma, certificate of attainment, or certificate of completion   1. No student who has not graduated from high school shall be considered to have permanently left public school unless an administrator of the school where the student last attended has sent notice within 5 days from the student’s tenth consecutive absence to the student and the parent/guardian of the student in English and the primary language of the parent or guardian (to the extent practicable). The notice shall offer at least two dates and times for an exit interview between the superintendent (or designee) and the student and the parent/guardian to occur prior to the student permanently leaving school. The notice shall include contact information for scheduling the exit interview and indicate that the parties shall agree to a date and time for the exit interview and that the interview shall occur within 10 days of the notice. The time and the date for the exit interview may be extended at the request of the parent/guardian but for no longer than 14 days. The superintendent or designee may proceed with an exit interview without a parent/guardian if the superintendent or designee makes a good faith effort to include the parent/guardian. 2. The exit interview shall be for the purpose of discussing the reasons for the student permanently leaving school and to consider alternative education programs and services available to the student. The superintendent (or designee) shall convene a team of school personnel, such as the principal, guidance counselor, teachers, attendance officer and other relevant school staff, to participate in the exit interview with the student and the parent/guardian. During the exit interview, the student shall be given information about the detrimental effects of early withdrawal from school, the benefits of earning a high school diploma and a list of alternative education program and services available to the student. 3. Any district serving students in high school grades sends annual written notice to former students who have not yet earned their competency determination and who have not transferred to another school    1. to inform them of the availability of publicly funded post-high school academic support programs and    2. to encourage them to participate in those programs.   At a minimum, the district sends annual written notice by first class mail to the last known address of each such student who attended a high school in the district within the past two years.   1. The Superintendent shall annually report to the Department the number of students sixteen years of age or older who have permanently left school, the reasons for such leaving and any alternative educational or other placement the student has taken. | | | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 76, §§ 5, 18; St. 1965, c. 741 | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents indicated that the district's annual notice to students who have not earned a diploma or certificate and are not enrolled elsewhere does not inform students of the availability of publicly funded post-high school academic support programs and encourage them to participate in those programs, except to offer MCAS test preparation.* |

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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| CR 17A | Use of physical restraint on any student enrolled in a publicly-funded education program   1. Public education programs must develop and implement written restraint prevention and behavior support policy and procedures consistent with new regulations 603CMR 46.00 regarding appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention.    1. restraint prevention and behavior support policy and procedures shall be annually reviewed and provided to program staff and made available to parents of enrolled students.    2. restraint prevention and behavior support policy and procedures shall include, but not be limited to: methods for preventing student violence, self-injurious behavior and suicide; methods for engaging parents and youth in discussions about restraint prevention and use; a description and explanation of the program’s alternatives to physical restraint and method of physical restraint in emergency situations; a statement prohibiting: medication restraint, mechanical restraint, prone restraint unless permitted pursuant to 603 CMR 46.03(1)(b), seclusion, and the use of restraint inconsistent with 603 CMR 46.03; a description of the program’s training requirements, reporting requirements, and follow-up procedures; a procedure for receiving and investigating complaints; a procedure for conducting periodic review of data and documentation on the program’s use of restraint; a procedure for implementing the reporting requirements; a procedure for making both oral and written notification to the parent; and a procedure for the use of time-out. 2. Each principal or director shall determine a time and method to provide all program staff with training regarding the program’s restraint prevention and behavior support policy and requirements when restraint is used. Such training shall occur within the first month of each school year and, for employees hired after the school year begins, within a month of their employment. 3. At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each public education program or his/her designee shall identify program staff who are authorized to serve as a school-wide resource to assist in ensuring proper administration of physical restraint. Such staff shall have in-depth training on the use of physical restraint. 4. The program administers physical restraint on students only in emergency situations of last resort when needed to protect a student and/or member of the school community from assault or imminent, serious, physical harm and with extreme caution in order to prevent or minimize any harm to the student as a result of the use of physical restraint.. | | | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 71, § 37G; 603 CMR 46.00 effective January 1, 2016 | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district has not developed and implemented written restraint prevention and behavior support policy and procedures consistent with regulations under 603 CMR 46.00 regarding appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention. Specifically, the district’s policy and student/family handbook state only that the district complies with the provisions set forth in the state’s general laws and regulations. The district has thereby not provided staff with training on the new regulations, provided staff with a copy of written restraint prevention and behavior support policy and procedures, or made the policy and procedures available to parents. A review of documents indicated that the district has identified a program staff member to serve as a school-wide resource for the administration of restraint and provided school-wide staff with in-depth training on the use of physical restraint.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | CIVIL RIGHTS METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION (CR)AND OTHER RELATED GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS **VI. FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **CR 18** | Responsibilities of the school principal   1. Instructional support. The principal in each of the district’s schools promotes instructional practices responsive to student needs and ensures that adequate instructional support is available for students and teachers. Instructional support includes remedial instruction for students, consultative services for teachers, availability of reading instruction at the elementary level, appropriate services for linguistic minority students, and other services consistent with effective educational practices and the requirements of M.G.L. c. 71B, §2. The principal consults with the Administrator of Special Education regarding accommodations and interventions for students. Such efforts and their results are documented and placed in the student record. Additionally, when an individual student is referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education, the principal ensures that documentation on the use of instructional support services for the student is provided as part of the evaluation information reviewed by the Team when determining eligibility. 2. Curriculum Accommodation Plan. The principal implements a curriculum accommodation plan developed by the district’s general education program to ensure that all efforts have been made to meet the needs of diverse learners in the general education program. The plan assists the regular classroom teacher in analyzing and accommodating diverse learning styles of all children in the regular classroom and in providing appropriate services and support within the general education program including, but not limited to, direct and systematic instruction in reading and provision of services to address the needs of children whose behavior may interfere with learning. The plan includes provisions encouraging teacher mentoring and collaboration and parental involvement. (*The plan may be part of a multi-year strategic plan.)* 3. Coordination with special education. The principal with the assistance of the Administrator of Special Education coordinates the delivery and supervision of special education services within each school building. 4. Educational services in home or hospital. Upon receipt of a physician’s written order verifying that any student enrolled in a public school or placed by the public school in a private setting must remain at home or in a hospital on a day or overnight basis, or any combination of both, for medical reasons and for a period of not less than fourteen school days in any school year, the principal arranges for provision of educational services in the home or hospital. Such services are provided with sufficient frequency to allow the student to continue his or her educational program, as long as such services do not interfere with the medical needs of the student. The principal coordinates such services with the Administrator for Special Education for eligible students. Such educational services are not considered special education unless the student has been determined eligible for such services, and the services include services on the student’s IEP. | | | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 71, § 38Q ½; 603 CMR 28.03(3) | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district's policy incorrectly states that the district will provide home/hospital educational instruction to students unable to attend classes for 14 consecutive school days, which is a more restrictive standard than the regulatory standard of not less than 14 school days in any school year.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | CIVIL RIGHTS METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION (CR) **AND OTHER RELATED GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**  **VIII. PROGRAM PLAN AND EVALUATION** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| **CR 24** | Curriculum review  The district ensures that individual teachers in the district review all educational materials for simplistic and demeaning generalizations, lacking intellectual merit, on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin and sexual orientation. Appropriate activities, discussions and/or supplementary materials are used to provide balance and context for any such stereotypes depicted in such materials. | | | |
|  | M.G.L. c. 76, § 5; 603 CMR 26.05(2) as amended by Chapter 199 of the Acts of 2011 | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that while the district applies an anti-bias lens when considering textbook and curriculum adoptions, the district does not have procedures in place for individual teachers to review educational materials for simplistic and demeaning generalizations, lacking intellectual merit, on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin and sexual orientation.* |

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| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | ENGLISH LEARNER EDUCATION **II. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION AND PROGRAM PLACEMENT** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| ELE 5 | **Program Placement and Structure**   1. The district uses assessment data to plan and implement educational programs for students at different instructional levels. 2. G.L. c. 71A, sections 4 and 5 require that students classified as ELs be educated either in a Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) program or Two-Way Immersion program (TWI), unless a program waiver is sought for another ELE program model, such as Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE). The requirement to provide English language development services to ELs applies to all districts that enroll one or more EL students. 3. Districts are required to include ESL instruction in the implementation of their ELE program to advance English language development and promote academic achievement of ELs.   **Authority: Title VI; EEOA; G.L. c. 71A, §§ 2, 4, 7; 603 CMR 7.15(9)b.; 603 CMR 14.07** | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents indicated that the district does not have an ESL curriculum that guides ESL instruction and supports English language acquisition of English learners (ELs) at all grade and proficiency levels.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | ENGLISH LEARNER EDUCATION **III. PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| ELE 7 | **Parent Involvement**  The district develops ways to include parents or guardians of ELs in matters pertaining to their children's education and ELE programs.  **Authority: Title VI; EEOA; ESEA; G.L. c. 71A, § 7** | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of student records indicated that the district does not always provide language assistance to parents whose preferred language is not English and, therefore, does not always meet the obligation to communicate effectively with parents to include them in matters pertaining to their children’s education.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | ENGLISH LEARNER EDUCATION **VI. FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION** | | | |
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| ELE 14 | **Licensure Requirements**  Licensure requirements for districts where ELs are enrolled:  Every district, including every Commonwealth charter school, has at least one teacher who has an English as a Second Language or Transitional Bilingual Education, or ELL license under G.L. c.71**,** § 38G and 603 CMR 7.04(3). (This requirement does not apply separately to Horace Mann charter schools.)  Except at Commonwealth charter schools, *every* teacher or other educational staff member who teaches ELs holds an appropriate license or current waiver issued by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.  Core academic teachers who provide sheltered English instruction to English learners in school districts, including charter schools and education collaboratives, must earn an SEI Teacher Endorsement as set forth in 603 CMR 7.00 and 603 CMR 14.00. Principals, assistant principals, and supervisors/directors who supervise or evaluate such teachers must earn an SEI Teacher Endorsement or SEI Administrator Endorsement as set forth in 603 CMR 7.00 and 603 CMR 14.00.  Any core academic teacher who is assigned to provide sheltered English instruction to an EL shall either hold an SEI Teacher Endorsement, or is required to earn such an endorsement within one year from the date of the assignment. Any school district that assigns an EL to a core academic teacher who has a year to obtain an SEI endorsement, shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that such EL is assigned to core academic teachers with an SEI endorsement in subsequent school years.  No principal, assistant principal, or supervisor/director shall supervise or evaluate a core academic teacher who provides sheltered English instruction to an EL unless such principal, assistant principal, or supervisor/director holds an SEI Teacher Endorsement or SEI Administrator Endorsement, or will earn either endorsement within one year of the commencement of such supervision or evaluation.  Except at Commonwealth charter schools, any director of ELE program(s) who is employed in that role for one-half time or more has a Supervisor/Director license and an English as a Second Language (ESL), Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) or an ELL license.  If a district with 200 or more ELs—including all charter schools with 200 or more ELs—has a director of EL programs, that director must have an English as a Second Language, Transitional Bilingual Education, or an EL license even if he or she is employed in that position for less than one-half time. (This requirement does not apply separately to Horace Mann charter schools.)  **Authority: Title VI; EEOA; G.L. c. 71, § 38G, §89(ii); St. 2002, c. 218, §§ 24, 25, 30; 603 CMR 7.04(3), 7.09(3); 603 CMR 7.14 (1) and (2); 603 CMR 7.15(9)(b); 603 CMR 14.07.** | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *Relevant SEI endorsement data indicated that some core academic teachers assigned to provide sheltered English instruction to English learners do not hold the SEI Teacher Endorsement. Similarly, the administrator assigned to supervise or evaluate core academic teachers who provide sheltered English instruction to English learners does not hold the SEI Teacher Endorsement or the SEI Administrator Endorsement.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | ENGLISH LEARNER EDUCATION **VI. FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| ELE 15 | **Professional Development Requirements**   1. Districts with ELs must develop a professional development plan and provide training for teachers in second language acquisition techniques for the re-certification of teachers and administrators. In accordance with 603 CMR 44.06(1)(a), as of July 1, 2016, educators with professional licenses must earn at least 15 Professional Development Points related to SEI or English as a Second Language in order to be eligible to renew their licenses. 2. Districts awarded Title III funds must provide effective professional development to classroom teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language instruction educational programs), principals, administrators, and other school or community-based organizational personnel, that is:   (A) designed to improve the instruction and assessment of ELs;  (B) designed to enhance the ability of such teachers, principals, and other school leaders to understand and implement curricula, assessment practices and measures, and instructional strategies for ELs;  (C) effective in increasing children's English proficiency or substantially increasing the subject matter knowledge, teaching knowledge, and teaching skills of such teachers; and  (D) of sufficient intensity and duration (which shall not include activities such as one-day or short-term workshops and conferences) to have a positive and lasting impact on the teachers' performance in the classroom, except that this subparagraph shall not apply to an activity that is one component of a long-term, comprehensive professional development plan established by a teacher and the teacher's supervisor based on an assessment of the needs of the teacher, the supervisor, the students of the teacher, and any local educational agency employing the teacher, as appropriate. **Authority: ESEA; EEOA; 603 CMR 14.07;** **G.L. c. 71, §§ 38G and 38Q; 603 CMR 44.06(1)(a).** | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Not Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district has not developed a professional development plan to provide educators with training in second language acquisition techniques in accordance with 603 CMR 44.06(1)(a) that requires educators to earn 15 Professional Development Points (PDPs) related to SEI or ESL for re-certification.* |

| **CRITERION**  **NUMBER** | ENGLISH LEARNER EDUCATION **VIII. PROGRAM PLAN AND EVALUATION** | | | |
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|  | **Legal Standard** | | | |
| ELE 17 | **Program Evaluation**  The district conducts periodic evaluations of the effectiveness of its ELE program in developing students' English language skills and increasing their ability to participate meaningfully in the educational program. Where the district documents that the program is not effective, it takes steps to make appropriate program adjustments or changes that are responsive to the outcomes of the program evaluation.  **Authority: Title VI; EEOA. ESEA** | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Implementation In Progress** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents indicated that the district’s ELE program is new and the district has not had the opportunity to conduct a program evaluation. Starting with the 2017-18 school year, the district will work with a committee of teachers, administrators, students and parents to evaluate its ELE program on an ongoing basis.* |

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| **OFFICE FOR COLLEGE, CAREER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  **LEGAL STANDARDS,**  **COMPLIANCE RATINGS AND**  **FINDINGS** |

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| **CCTE 2** | MCAS and/or other academic assessment results are used to design instructional and support services. *Perkins Section 3, 134, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03(4)* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Programs at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that MCAS and other academic assessments are reviewed by administrative staff and academic teachers; however, the results are not regularly shared with career technical teachers to improve programs and tailor instruction.* |

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| CCTE 3 | The district assesses students for the acquisition of safety & health, technical that includes embedded academic, employability, management & entrepreneurship, and technological knowledge and skills. *Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (4); Perkins Section 3, 134, M.G.L. c.74 Section 2* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Programs at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District has a tool that can be used to assess for students to acquire safety and health, embedded academic, employability, management and entrepreneurship skills, and technological knowledge and skills in the career/vocational technical education programs. However, there is no evidence that all students receive all six strands.* |

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| **CRITERION NUMBER** | **COLLEGE, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  **II. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION AND PROGRAM PLACEMENT** | | | |
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| CCTE 4 | Information concerning career/vocational technical education programs is provided to students and to their parents/guardians. Such information shall include admission requirements for career/vocational technical programs; specific programs/courses that are available; employment and/or further education and registered apprenticeship opportunities. *Perkins Section 134, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (4) (6).* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Programs at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Admission Policies at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/>  Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex and Handicap in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR, Part 100, Appendix B at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district is not currently using its Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved admissions policy.* |

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| CCTE 5 | All individuals including those who are members of special populations are provided with equal access to career/vocational technical education programs, services and activities and are not discriminated against on the basis of their status as members of special populations or race, color, gender, gender-identity, religion, national origin, English language proficiency, disability, or sexual orientation. *Perkins Sections 122 & 134, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03(4) (6) (7), M.G.L.c.76, Section 5.* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Massachusetts Perkins IV Manual at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Admission Policies at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/>  Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex and Handicap in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR, Part 100, Appendix B) at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/>  Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.10 (6) (c) at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr28.html?section=all#start>  Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, Section 5 at <http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-pt1-toc.htm>  Massachusetts Access to Equal Educational Opportunity Regulations 603 CMR 26.00 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr26.html> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that written recruitment and promotional information regarding all career/vocational technical education opportunities is currently available exclusively in English. The district has a district-wide procedure to request language interpreters, and the district website is linked with a web-based translation service. However, the online Educational Opportunities course description booklet is only available in a format that cannot be translated using the translator. Consequently, students and families whose primary language is not English may not have equal access to information specific to career/vocational technical education programs, services and activities. Further, interviews and document review indicated that the district relies on data available on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s website; however, that data is based on the students enrolled in the public schools and is not reflective of all school-aged students in the sending communities. The district does not have a system in place to determine the language needs of the communities that it serves.* |

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| **CCTE 6** | *(Note: This criterion applies only to Chapter 74-approved vocational technical education*.)  The district uses its Department-approved admission policy and an appropriate application for admission. *Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03(6). M.G.L. c. 76 Section 5.* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Education Admission Policies at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/>  Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination and Denial of Services on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex and Handicap in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR, Part 100, Appendix B at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/admissions/>  Massachusetts Special Education Regulations 603 CMR 28.10 6) (c) at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr28.html?section=all#start>  Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, Section 5 at <http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-pt1-toc.htm>  Massachusetts Access to Equal Educational Opportunity Regulations 603 CMR 26.00 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr26.html> | | | |
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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *See CCTE 4.* |

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| CCTE 10 | Representatives of business/industry; organized labor (union); colleges(s); parent(s)/guardian(s); student(s); representative(s) from registered apprenticeship program(s) (only required if the occupational field of the program has a registered apprenticeship program) are involved in the development, implementation, and review of career/vocational technical programs. Representation is race, linguistic, disability, and nontraditional by gender inclusive, and if not, there is a plan (formal recruitment process)to make it inclusive. *Perkins Section 134, M.G.L. c.74 Section 6, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (1)* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Career/Vocational Technical Education Advisory Committee Guide at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/resources/>  Massachusetts Perkins IV Manual at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that not all Program Advisory Committees have all required members; specifically, the Horticulture Program Advisory Committee is lacking a post-secondary representative. In addition, not all committees are race, linguistic, and disability inclusive, although there is a formal recruitment process in place to make the committees inclusive.* |

| **CRITERION NUMBER** | **COLLEGE, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  **IV. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** | | | |
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| **CCTE 11** | Programs are structured so that students acquire safety & health, technical that includes embedded academic, employability, management & entrepreneurship, and technological knowledge and skills. *Perkins Section 3, 134, M.G.L. c. 74 Section 2, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (4) 4.06* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Massachusetts Perkins IV Manual at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Massachusetts Vocational Technical Education Frameworks at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/frameworks/>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Cooperative Education at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the career/vocational technical education programs at Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District are structured to allow for students to acquire safety and health, embedded academic, employability, and technological knowledge and skills. However, due to the structure of the current schedule, the management and entrepreneurship class is offered as an elective. Therefore, not all students are guaranteed to receive management and entrepreneurship skills. Consequently, some of the management and entrepreneurship skills in the Vocational Technical Education Frameworks may not be sufficiently addressed.* |

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| **CCTE 12** | Linkages between secondary and postsecondary education including registered apprenticeship programs exist through, at a minimum, articulation agreements that are annually reviewed and approved. *Perkins Section 134, Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (4)* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html> | | | |
|  | **Rating:** | **Partially Implemented** | **District Response Required:** | **Yes** |

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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of documents and staff interviews indicated that the district has at least eight articulation agreements; however, there is no evidence that the articulation agreements are annually reviewed and updated.* |

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| **CCTE 20** | Career/vocational technical education instructional facilities meet current occupational standards. *Perkins Section 134; Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (3) (4) (7)(8).* Each vocational technical education program shall be conducted in facilities that meet current occupational standards. *603 CMR 4.03 (3)(a)* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/>  Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Career/Vocational Technical Education Safety Guide at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/safety/guide.doc>  NIOSH Safety Checklist Program for Schools at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/safety_health.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Cooperative Education at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/> | | | |
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| **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Findings:** |
| *A review of the instructional facilities conducted by the DESE CCTE safety specialist indicated that not all career/vocational technical education instructional facilities meet current occupational standards. The Office for College, Career, and Technical Education has sent the Safety Survey Report to Superintendent Bouquillon under separate cover.* |

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| **CCTE 21** | Career/vocational technical education instructional equipment meets current occupational standards. *Perkins Section 134; Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (3) (4) (7) (8)* | | | |
|  | **References:**  Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/perkins/> Chapter 74 Selected Sections & 603 CMR 4.00 Vocational Technical Education Regulations and Guidelines at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/laws.html>  Career/Vocational Technical Education Safety Guide at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/safety/guide.doc>  NIOSH Safety Checklist Program for Schools at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/safety_health.html>  Chapter 74 Manual for Vocational Technical Cooperative Education at  <http://www.doe.mass.edu/cte/programs/> | | | |
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