

CDA Council Update

Ohio had a call with the CDA Council last week. Here are the answers many of you are looking for:

1. **Can the CTE teacher be the PD Specialist for their students this year?** No, at some point the CDA has revoked the approval of CTE educators being the PD Specialist for their students.
2. **How will we find a PD Specialist to evaluate the students?** The CDA Council will send a list of PD Specialists in your area.
3. **Is there a virtual component for the observation evaluation?** Currently, the Council does not accept Virtual PD Specialists Visits. The Council is working on a process to complete this step virtually. Career Tech student will be prioritized for this process given the immediate timing. However, we do not have a firm timeline at this time.
4. **How can I help get my students ready for the CDA evaluation?** The Council is developing a Student Workbook with an availability target date of March 2021.

Build a career path to early education in high school

The Council has worked with numerous high school CTE programs to prepare thousands of students for a meaningful career in ECE. If you are interested in finding ways to incorporate the CDA in your high school curriculum or looking to understand the benefits of earning a CDA, please review the resources below. We are also excited to share with you a sample chapter and table of contents of our soon-to-be released *Child Development Associate® (CDA) Handbook for High School: A Guide to Advocacy and Implementation*.

We look forward to providing you with additional updates and valuable information for your students. You can also look forward to receiving information on the Council's virtual launch event for the handbook on April 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM (EST).