

258.16 Regional vocational education planning boards established duties.

1. Regional planning boards are established to assist school corporations in providing an effective, efficient, and economical means of delivering sequential vocational educational programs for students in grades seven through fourteen, which use both local school district services and merged area school services.
2. A regional planning board shall be established in each merged area, as determined by the state board for vocational education. Each regional planning board shall have as members persons who are representatives from the merged area school board of directors, the area education agency board of directors, the local councils on vocational education, the local school districts' boards of directors, and vocational education certificated instructional personnel.
3. The regional planning boards shall do all of the following:
 - a. Provide for the participation of merged area schools and the local school districts in the delivery of vocational education in the region, as well as for the participation of representatives of the business and industry community.
 - b. Determine the occupational needs of students based on labor-market, entrepreneurial, and self-employment opportunities and demand within the region, the state, the nation, and in other countries.
 - c. Provide for development of a five-year plan addressing the delivery of quality vocational education instructional programs pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 4, and subsection 5, paragraph "h", and section 260C.14, subsection 1. The plan shall be updated annually.
 - d. Implement the procedures and contract, at the request of the director of the board of vocational education, for the delivery of vocational education programs and services pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 4, and subsection 5, paragraph "h", and section 260C.14, subsection 1.