KEC Advisory Committee Booklet

2021-2022

The mission of the Kishwaukee Education Consortium is to provide
a safe and challenging academic environment
where students develop the necessary skills to
become responsible citizens and life-long learners.

KEC is a high school career and technology campus for juniors and seniors in Malta, IL with satellite campuses across Northern DeKalb County. Our programs allow area high school students to earn dual credit [high school AND college credit] for their courses, as well as on the job training, certifications, and real-world applications to prepare students for college and/or a career.

All our teachers are experts in their respective fields and value connections with community businesses, organizations, and educational institutions. KEC's philosophy is to offer opportunities to local high school students based on the labor needs of our region, as well as the needs of our country. We are always looking to change and grow, and your input is vital to the growth of our curriculum and programming.

1. Functions of Advisory Committees

    a. Provide an important communication link between employers, the community, and KEC.
    b. Review goals, objectives, and occupational skill standards of the KEC class.
    c. Assist in reviewing the class curriculum and how it is organized to meet the workforce needs in the region, as well as nationally.
    d. Advise KEC in identifying appropriate industry certifications and standards.
    e. Advocate and assist KEC with the integration of new technologies, methods, procedures, and practices in our programs.
    f. Assist in locating work-based learning opportunities for KEC students.
    g. Advise with labor market trends in the area and employment in the region.
    h. Advocate for KEC in long-term career program planning to meet the needs of the region.

2. Committee Membership

   a. Advisory Committees should include a diverse representation of individuals and employees.
   b. The following are suggestions for committee membership:
      1. Employees representing small, medium, and large organizations.
      2. Employees in industries relevant to KEC classes.
      3. Employers who can provide work-based learning opportunities for KEC.
      4. Faculty from relevant classes at other institutions.
      5. High performing students and/or recent graduates of KEC classes.

3. Desirable Attributes of an Advisory Committee Member

   a. Interest - A motivated person who expresses sincere interest in the KEC class.
   b. Availability - Must be willing to attend two meetings a year [virtually or in-person].
   c. Skill/Experience - Members should be appointed that are knowledgeable about the target occupation of the career and tech classes.

4. Role, Purpose, and Function of Advisory Committees

   a. An Advisory Committee's purpose is to strengthen the Career and Technical Education Program it serves. The committees exist to advise, assist, and advocate for career and technical education. It has no legal, administrative or authority and is an advisory committee only. Advisory committees work cooperatively with school officials in planning and carrying out committee work.

b. Members are volunteers who share an expert knowledge of career tasks and competency requirements for specific occupations.
c. Advisory committees act in an advisory capacity. They provide recommendations and suggestions that can help KEC make sound and informed decisions about its classes and curriculum. As a representative of the employer's community, the members of the advisory committees know the skills that are necessary in the workplace. They can advocate in helping to ensure that curriculum and desired program outcome meet real needs.

KEC Class Offerings
2021-2022

Automated Engineering Technology
Auto Technology
Aviation
Barbering
Business Leadership
Certified Nursing Assistant
Computer Information Systems
Cosmetology
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Diesel Technology
Early Childhood Education

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
Esthetics
Fire Science
Medical Terminology
Sports Medicine
Welding