

External Review Team Findings for Central Educational Center Preliminary Report: February 2, 2023

Reporting Outcomes:

The **Findings** section of this report presents the results of the External Review Team’s evaluation and includes the following areas:

Commendations describe practices that the Academy has initiated or performs at a high level and make a positive difference in attaining its purpose as supported by multiple sources of evidence.

Required Actions describe Assurances (within a standard) required by the Technical College System of Georgia, the Department of Education, and/or the District Flexibility, Charter Schools, and College and Career Academy Division, which are not met. The Academy must address them as soon as possible to meet GCCA certification specifications.

Suggestions for improvement describe practices or actions that the Academy may take to improve as supported by multiple sources of evidence. They are critical to the continuous improvement process and support the Academy’s mission, vision, and strategic plan.

Item No.	Standard/ Assurance	COMMENDATION
C1	S3A1 S4A16	The team commends the supportive culture of the CCA. Examples: - Students are proud “team members” who want to be here doing “things of consequence”. - Parents feel that teachers love their job and care about the students. - Workforce skills/ethics are evident across pathways and transferable to the future.
C2	S5A2 S4A1-	The team commends the CCA for maximizing the use of broad flexibility and collaboration with the district, business and industry leaders, and post-secondary partners specifically in the following areas: - Recruitment of industry professionals as teachers - Compensation for years of experience - Provision of high school credits to 8th graders - Instructional programming that combines high school and adult learners - Design and development of curriculum to meet industry needs - Examples: Audio and Video Production program and the Audio Engineering Society
C3	S4A3-5 S4A13	The team commends the WBL and internship opportunities including German Apprenticeship and Audio and Video Production. As one industry stakeholder commented, “CEC is our HR department”.
C4	S4A11 S4A18	The team commends the relationship between the CCA and the technical college. Examples: Full time technical college instructors, Number of Option B students, Shared ownership for industry standard equipment
C5	S4A13	The team commends the CCA for providing required and accelerated academic courses.
C6	S1A12	The team commends the CEO, Mark Whitlock, for being a pioneering visionary whose innovative spirit has influenced CCAs across the state.
C7	S4A9	The team commends the CCA for having committed, as well as supportive administration and Boards (Advisory, LBOE, BOD).

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C8	S1A35 S2A16	The team commends the CCA for supporting and meeting the needs of the school system and community. Example: Cougar Village, Samaritan Clinic
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Item No.	Standard/Assurance	REQUIRED ACTION
R1		N/A

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