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Key Points:

- Skills and Competencies are written and are under review
- Currently seeking stakeholders for final review. [Email Daniel Irwin](#) if you are interested.
- “Applied Studies Diploma” should be reflected on 2016 diplomas. This remains a name change only.

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Applied Studies Diploma Bulletin

As we progress through developing the skills and competencies for the curriculum framework, it has been our intention to provide a set of skills that will benefit a wide range of students with varying levels of academic, social and emotional, communication, and independent living skills. In this effort we are working hard to ensure that the framework will provide guidance without being prescriptive and will ensure a personalized, high quality, functional and challenging educational program for each student who accesses it.

Electronic Platform: What to Expect

Provide online access point for teachers, students and parents to

- Provide student dashboard to increase student participation and motivation
- Provide records of student progress and skills to assess present level and future goals
- Create reports that effectively and concisely communicate key information to other educators, employers, and community resource providers
- Potential for linking with outside resources such as lesson plans, materials, and commercially available curricula through Training and Technical Assistance Centers (TTAC)

Newsletter Spotlight

CALL FOR TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

We are currently seeking a group of middle and high school teachers to pilot the initial draft of the skills and competencies and provide feedback on its overall usefulness, clarity and practicality. We are asking that selected teachers utilize the document in lesson planning and IEP development during the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, teachers will be asked to submit some items such as lesson plans, sample IEP goals and objectives, and ideas for supplementary curricula that will address the outlined skills and competencies. If you are interested, please complete this quick survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WH8QJ6T>

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