



PRIDE

Work Ethic Certificate

South Harrison Community Schools is excited to announce a College & Career Readiness initiative that will allow senior students the opportunity to earn a new industry-recognized certification. Originally developed and implemented in Greater Clark County Schools, South Harrison has worked closely with the South Harrison business advisory council, Greater Clark Schools and Prosser Career Education Center to provide this prestigious Work Ethic Certification opportunity to South Harrison students. The new Work Ethic Certification is being implemented to elevate the “soft skills” students need to be successful in today’s post-secondary and workplace environments.

Beginning second semester of this school year, South Harrison high school seniors can elect to participate in the Work Ethic Certification program. As a participant, students will be measured in nine areas of academic and work ethic competency. Five of these competencies are designed to assess behavioral characteristics, commonly referred to as “soft skills”. These competencies will require confirmation from a teacher, counselor or administrator that the student candidate possesses the appropriate soft skills. The soft skill competencies are identified by the acronym PRIDE.

*P*ersistence – persevere through challenges, problem-solve

*R*espectfulness – accept and serve others, possess a positive attitude, communicate clearly

*I*nitiative – self-starter, critical thinker

*D*ependability – shows academic readiness, is reliable, demonstrates responsibility and teamwork

*E*fficiency – organized, punctual, self-manages

Student candidates will also have to meet four additional objective competencies such as GPA, absence/tardy record and disciplinary record. In addition, each candidate will be required to complete verifiable community service hours.

Presentations about the Work Ethic Certification began this week with high school seniors. Additional meetings are planned for January. *Please visit the South Harrison College & Career Readiness website for more information:* <http://www.shcsc.k12.in.us/college-career-readiness>

