

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs January 27, 2025

Although PLTW has since ended its partnership with the College Board, it continues to strengthen its academic standing. Recently, PLTW submitted seven of its courses for evaluation by the ACE for inclusion in the ACE National Guide. This rigorous review process involved independent teams of faculty subject-matter experts who assessed the courses to determine their equivalency to postsecondary academic credit standards.

Given the rigorous nature of PLTW courses, they are comparable to AP, IB, and CIE courses and should continue to be weighted similarly. The North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges is set to review a related proposal at its February 2025 meeting.

Assessment: To ensure equitable weighting for all college-level courses, it is proposed that the seven courses submitted by Project Lead the Way (PLTW) maintain the same 5.0-point weight as AP, IB, and CIE courses.

Action: This item requires a vote by the committee, with a vote by the full Board of Governors through the consent agenda.