

**House Education  
HB1478**

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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support for HB1478. I apologize for not being present in person, but other Legislative obligations do not allow me to provide this testimony in person.

HB1478 would allow school districts and their boards to award academic credit for activities students complete outside of the walls of the school. Career and Technical Education has been doing this for years, placing students with employers or completing projects in the community. This should not be unique to Career and Technical Education coursework, but open to other electives and core courses.

The Department of Career and Technical Education is willing and able to partner with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and the State Legislature, to develop rules and a program that can allow greater flexibility to our school districts to educate students through community partnerships.

This concludes my testimony. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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