

RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Enabling Laws

Act 159 of 2012
A.C.A. §12-29-306 - §12-29-310

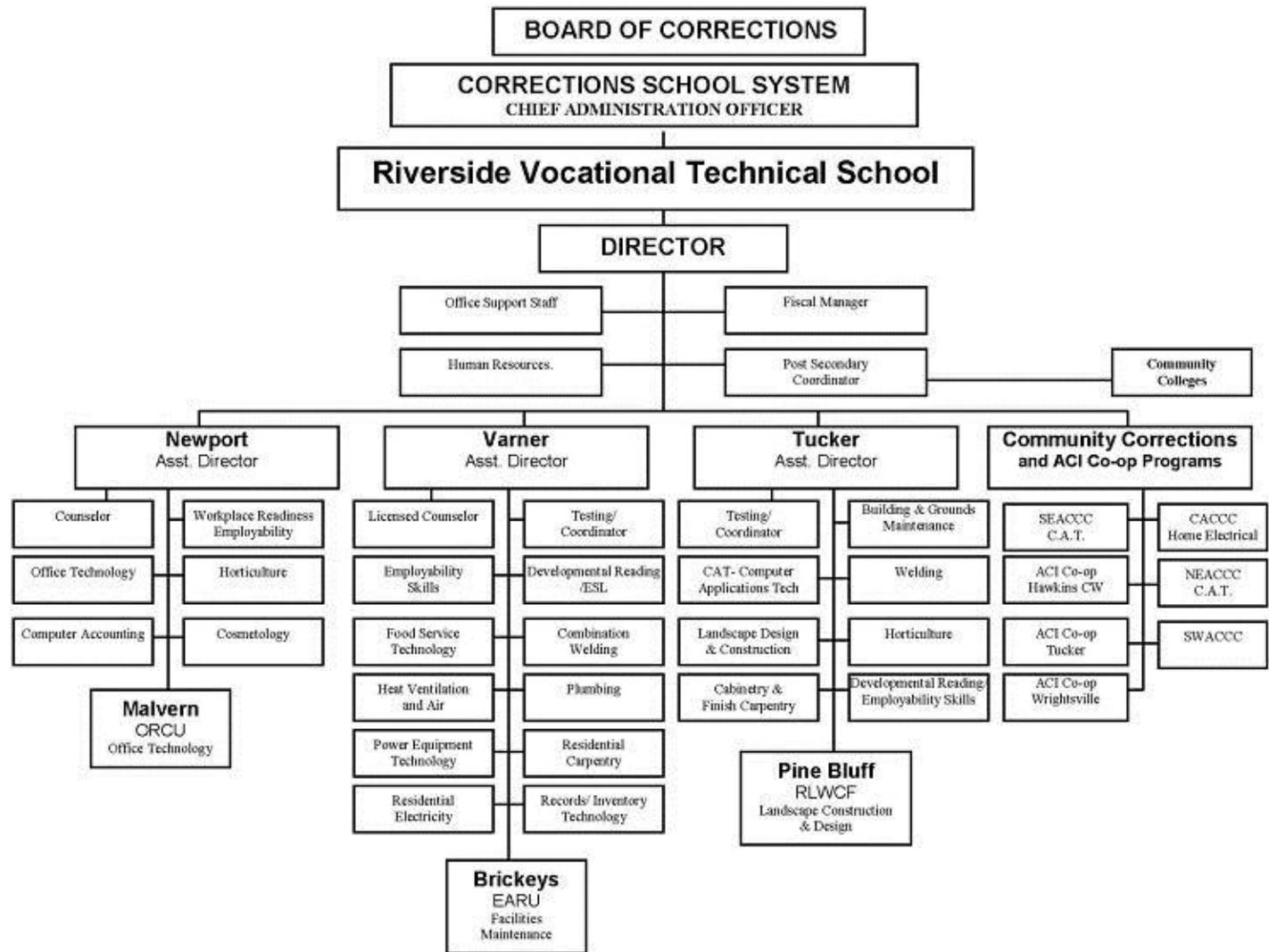
History and Organization

Vocational Education Programs began at the Tucker Unit, Arkansas Department of Correction in May, 1970 and at the Cummins Unit in August, 1970. Buildings were constructed utilizing funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Funding for staff, equipment and supplies was provided by the Manpower Development Training Act. These funds were later supplanted by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. The guidelines established by Congress for participation in the Job Training Partnership Act ended federal funding on October 1, 1984.

In 1985, Act 288 of the legislature (A.C.A. § 12-29-306) created Riverside Vocational Technical School effective July 1, 1985. Funding from October 1, 1984 to July 1, 1985 was provided on an interim basis by the Vocational Education Division, the Arkansas Department of Correction and the Employment Security Division.

Legislative action, Act 496 of 2005 was passed placing Riverside Vocational Technical School and the Arkansas Department of Correction School District under the same umbrella, resulting in what is now known as the Arkansas Correctional School System.

Riverside Vocational Technical School is regulated by the State Board of Career Education and is governed by the Corrections Board of Education. Riverside Vocational Technical School is responsible for all Vocational Education Programs provided within the Arkansas Department of Correction and the Department of Community Corrections.



Agency Commentary

The mission of Riverside Vocational Technical School is to provide quality vocational training to all qualified inmates incarcerated within the Arkansas Departments of Correction and Community Corrections. Successful completion of a program will allow the inmate to re-enter society with a marketable skill upon release from prison.

Studies have shown that inmates who participate in Vocational Technical programs have a lower recidivism rate than those who do not. Those who receive a G.E.D. and complete a technical program have a lower recidivism rate than those who receive only a G.E.D. or Vocational Technical certificate.

Programs at the Arkansas Department of Correction are 1440 contact hours in length and enrollment is open entry open exit to better utilize training slots. Currently, there are 8 programs offered at the Varner Unit, 5 programs at the Tucker Unit, 4 programs at the McPherson Unit for female offenders at Newport, 1 program at the Ouachita River Unit at Malvern and 1 program at the East Arkansas Regional Unit at Brickeys. Expansion of programs are anticipated at the McPherson, Ouachita and East Arkansas units during the 2014-15 biennium.

Riverside also participates in Co-Operative programs with Arkansas Correctional Industries. Currently, there are 2 Co-Op programs at the Tucker Unit and 3 Co-Op programs at the Wrightsville Unit. Related study programs are available at Tucker and Varner. Short term or part-time programs are available at the Department of Community Corrections facilities. There is 1 short term program available at the Little Rock facility, 1 program at the Pine Bluff facility for women and 1 program at the Osceola facility.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
RIVERSIDE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings

Recommendations

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2011.

State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	16	12	28	78 %
Black Employees	5	3	8	22 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
	Total Minorities		8	22 %
	Total Employees		36	100 %

Publications

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Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2011-2012		2012-2013		2012-2013		2013-2014						2014-2015					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
732 Riverside VT-State Operations	2,011,396	35	2,152,742	35	2,278,757	35	2,202,176	35	2,202,176	35	2,202,176	35	2,203,537	35	2,203,537	35	2,203,537	35
750 Plumbing Apprenticeship Program	77,773	1	74,165	1	76,647	1	75,581	1	75,581	1	75,581	1	75,581	1	75,581	1	75,581	1
NOT REQUESTED FOR THE BIENNIUM																		
4GY Workplace Training	148,966	0	265,000	0	265,000	0	265,000	0	0	0	0	0	265,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,238,135	36	2,491,907	36	2,620,404	36	2,542,757	36	2,277,757	36	2,277,757	36	2,544,118	36	2,279,118	36	2,279,118	36

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%	
General Revenue	4000010	2,089,169	93.3	2,226,907	89.4			2,277,757	100.0	2,277,757	100.0	2,277,757	100.0	2,279,118	100.0	2,279,118	100.0	2,279,118	100.0
Federal Revenue	4000020	148,966	6.7	265,000	10.6			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Funds		2,238,135	100.0	2,491,907	100.0			2,277,757	100.0	2,277,757	100.0	2,277,757	100.0	2,279,118	100.0	2,279,118	100.0	2,279,118	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0		0				265,000		0		0		265,000		0		0	
Grand Total		2,238,135		2,491,907				2,542,757		2,277,757		2,277,757		2,544,118		2,279,118		2,279,118	

4GY - Workplace Training appropriation NOT REQUESTED FOR 2013-2015 BIENNIUM.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012						FY2012 - 2013					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Total	Total	Filled	Unfilled			Total	Total	Filled	Unfilled	
38	34	4	38	0	10.53 %	36	35	1	36	0	2.78 %	36	34	2	36	0	5.56 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 732 - Riverside VT-State Operations

Funding Sources: ETR - General Revenue - Riverside Voc-Tech School

Riverside Vocational Technical School operates five (5) campuses within the Department of Community Correction. These are the Varner Unit, Tucker Unit, Wrightsville Unit, Grimes Unit, and the McPherson Unit for female offenders. Short term or part-time programs are available at the Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and Osceola facilities of the Department of Community Corrections. Emphasis is placed on education and skill development which will result in lower recidivism rate and employment upon release. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

Riverside Vocational Technical School requests Base Level for each year of the 2013-2015 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 732 - Riverside VT-State Operations

Funding Sources: ETR - General Revenue - Riverside Voc-Tech School

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	1,411,781	1,479,521	1,562,290	1,488,053	1,488,053	1,488,053	1,489,153	1,489,153	1,489,153
#Positions		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Personal Services Matching	5010003	453,158	484,117	520,160	525,019	525,019	525,019	525,280	525,280	525,280
Operating Expenses	5020002	142,455	183,604	190,807	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604	183,604
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	4,002	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		2,011,396	2,152,742	2,278,757	2,202,176	2,202,176	2,202,176	2,203,537	2,203,537	2,203,537
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	2,011,396	2,152,742		2,202,176	2,202,176	2,202,176	2,203,537	2,203,537	2,203,537
Total Funding		2,011,396	2,152,742		2,202,176	2,202,176	2,202,176	2,203,537	2,203,537	2,203,537
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		2,011,396	2,152,742		2,202,176	2,202,176	2,202,176	2,203,537	2,203,537	2,203,537

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 750 - Plumbing Apprenticeship Program

Funding Sources: ETR - General Revenue - Riverside Voc-Tech School

The Plumbing Apprenticeship Program is administered by Riverside Vocational Technical School. Program costs consists of personal services for one (1) faculty member and provides technical training in the area of plumbing to qualified persons incarcerated in facilities of the Department of Community Correction. The goal is to provide individuals with marketable skills to re-enter the workplace upon release from prison. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

Riverside Vocational Technical School requests Base Level for each year of the 2013-2015 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 750 - Plumbing Apprenticeship Program

Funding Sources: ETR - General Revenue - Riverside Voc-Tech School

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	60,405	57,118	58,659	57,118	57,118	57,118	57,118	57,118	57,118
#Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	17,368	17,047	17,988	18,463	18,463	18,463	18,463	18,463	18,463
Total		77,773	74,165	76,647	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	77,773	74,165		75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581
Total Funding		77,773	74,165		75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		77,773	74,165		75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581	75,581

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 4GY - Workplace Training

Funding Sources: FTR - Workplace Training - Federal - RVTS

Riverside Vocational Technical School administers a federally funded program entitled Workplace & Community Transition Training. Funding is provided through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The program offers vocational training to incarcerated youth offenders of the Department of Community Correction through working partnerships with applicable institutions of higher education.

Riverside Vocational Technical School requests to discontinue this appropriation for the 2013-2015 Biennium due to federal funding being eliminated.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 4GY - Workplace Training

Funding Sources: FTR - Workplace Training - Federal - RVTS

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	148,966	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	0	250,000	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		148,966	265,000	265,000	265,000	0	0	265,000	0	0
Funding Sources										
Federal Revenue	4000020	148,966	265,000		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		148,966	265,000		0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		265,000	0	0	265,000	0	0
Grand Total		148,966	265,000		265,000	0	0	265,000	0	0

NOT REQUESTED FOR 2013-2015 BIENNIUM.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 4GY - Workplace Training
Funding Sources: FTR - Workplace Training - Federal - RVTS

Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	265,000	0	265,000	100.0	265,000	0	265,000	100.0
C03	Discontinue Program	(265,000)	0	0	0.0	(265,000)	0	0	0.0

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	265,000	0	265,000	100.0	265,000	0	265,000	100.0
C03	Discontinue Program	(265,000)	0	0	0.0	(265,000)	0	0	0.0

Justification

C03	Grant program providing funds has been cut from the Federal Budget.
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