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TO: Local Perkins Administrators
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RE: Important Change in Equipment Guidelines

As stated on page 3-5 of the Perkins Management Guide:

It is not permissible to buy residential grade equipment and seek Perkins reimbursement. Any equipment purchased (both <\$5,000 and >\$5000 per item) must be industry grade and quality to be eligible for reimbursement.

As of October 21, 2011 this has been updated to read:

In the case of food and food science labs, residential grade equipment may be purchased with Perkins funds to modernize or expand career and technical education offerings. However, any equipment (free standing or counter top) purchased **must** demonstrate or showcase the most recent technology within the equipment category. For example: a low end, coil burner, electric range does not demonstrate or showcase the most recent technology in electric ranges. Residential grade clothes washers and dryers, salt and pepper shakers, flatware, spatulas, private label products sold through home parties outlets, used/damaged or discounted because of damage, light grade plastic products, etc., are not approvable and are the responsibility of the local school.