

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Instruction**  
**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

The County Superintendent and County Board may provide a comprehensive career technical education (CTE) program in the secondary grades which integrates core academic instruction with technical and occupational instruction in order to increase student achievement, graduation rates, and readiness for postsecondary education and employment. The County Superintendent/County Board CTE program shall be designed to help students develop the academic, career, and technical skills needed to succeed in a knowledge- and skills-based economy.

CTE opportunities may be offered through linked learning programs, partnership academies, apprenticeship programs or orientation to apprenticeships, regional occupational centers or programs (ROC/Ps), charter schools, small learning communities, magnet programs, or other programs that expose students to career options while preparing them for future careers in a given industry or interest area.

The County Superintendent or designee shall explore available funding sources that may be used to support CTE programs. The County Board shall review and approve all plans and applications for the use of state, and/or federal funds supporting CTE.

The County Board shall adopt standards for CTE which meet or exceed the state's model content standards and describe the essential knowledge and skills that students enrolled in these courses are expected to master. The course curriculum shall be aligned with County Superintendent/County Board-adopted standards and the state's curriculum framework.

At least every three years, the County Superintendent and County Board shall compare the County Superintendent/County Board curriculum, course content, and course sequence of CTE with the model state curriculum standards. (Education Code 52376)

The County Superintendent or designee shall systematically review the County Superintendent/County Board CTE courses to determine the degree to which each course may offer an alternative means for completing and receiving credit for specific portions of the course of study prescribed for high school graduation. The County Superintendent and County Board shall ensure that these classes are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses prescribed for graduation. (Education Code 52376)

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop partnerships with local businesses and industries to ensure that course sequences, career technical and integrated curriculum, classroom instruction and projects, and assessments have real-world relevance and reflect labor market needs and priorities. The County Superintendent or designee shall also work to develop connections with businesses, postsecondary institutions, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities.

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The County Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with postsecondary institutions to ensure that the County Superintendent/County Board program is articulated with postsecondary programs in order to provide a sequential course of study. Articulation opportunities may include dual or concurrent enrollment in community college courses.

The County Superintendent and County Board shall appoint a CTE advisory committee to develop recommendations on the CTE program and to serve as a liaison between County Superintendent/County Board and potential employers. The committee shall consist of one or more representatives of the general public knowledgeable about the disadvantaged, students, teachers, business representative, industry representative, school administrator, and representative of the field office of the California Employment Development Department. (Education Code 8070)

The County Superintendent or designee shall inform all secondary students and their parents/guardians about the CTE experiences available, CTE courses that satisfy college admission criteria, and, if applicable, CTE courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements. In addition, secondary students shall receive individualized academic counseling which provides information about academic and CTE opportunities related to the student's career goals.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the County Superintendent or designee shall advise students, parents/guardians, employees, and the general public that all CTE opportunities are offered without regard to any actual or perceived characteristic protected from discrimination by law. The notification shall be disseminated in languages other than English as needed and shall state that the County Superintendent will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the CTE program. (20 USC 2354; 34 CFR 100 Appendix B, 104.8, 106.9)

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers of CTE courses possess the qualifications and credentials necessary to teach their assigned courses. The County Superintendent or designee shall also provide teachers and administrators with professional development designed to enhance their knowledge of standards-aligned CTE and shall provide opportunities for CTE teachers to collaborate with teachers of academic courses in the development and implementation of integrated curriculum models.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide counselors and other guidance personnel with professional development that includes, but is not limited to, information about current workforce needs and trends, requirements of the CTE program, work-based learning opportunities, and postsecondary education and employment options following high school.

The County Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the County Board achievement data on participating students, including, but not limited to, the percentage of participating students who successfully complete CTE programs, their performance on state and County Superintendent academic achievement tests, and graduation rates. Data shall be disaggregated

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by program and various student subgroups. Based on such data, the County Superintendent and County Board shall determine the need for program improvements and update the goals in the local control and accountability plan as necessary.

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**Legal Reference**Education Code

1205 Classification of counties  
8006-8155 Career technical education  
17078.70-17078.72 Career technical education facilities  
33430-33432 Health science and medical technology grants  
35168 Inventory of equipment  
41540-41544 Targeted instructional improvement block grant  
44257.3 CTC recognition of study in linked learning teaching methods  
44260-44260.1 Designated subjects career technical education credential  
44260.9 Designated subjects career technical education credential  
48430 Legislative intent; continuation education schools and classes  
48980 Parental notifications  
51220-51229 Courses of study, grades 7-12  
51760-51769.5 Work experience education  
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan  
52300-52499.66 Career technical education  
52519-52520 Adult education, occupational training  
53010-53016 California Career Pathways Trust  
53020-53025 Golden State Pathways Program  
53070-53076.4 The California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program  
53086 California Career Resource Network  
54690-54699.1 California Partnership Academies  
54750-54760 California Partnership Academies, green technology and goods movement occupations  
56363 Related services for students with disabilities; specially designed career technical education  
66205.5-66205.9 Approval of career technical education courses for admission to California colleges  
8006-8155 Career technical education  
88500-88551 Community college economic and workforce development program

Government Code

54950-54963 Brown Act

Labor Code

3070-3099.5 Apprenticeships  
3110-3112.1 Apprenticeship Innovation Funding Program  
3120-3122.4 Youth Apprenticeship

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Code of Regulations, Title 5

1635 Credit for work experience education  
3051.14 Specially designed career technical education for students with disabilities  
10070-10075 Work experience education  
10080-10092 Community classrooms  
10100-10111 Cooperative vocational education  
11500-11508 Regional occupational centers and programs  
11535-11538 Career technical education contracts with private postsecondary schools  
11610-11611 Regional adult and vocational education councils

Code of Regulations, Title 8

200-240 Apprenticeships

United States Code, Title 20

2301-2414 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act  
6301-6578 Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34

100 Appendix B Guidelines for eliminating discrimination in career technical education programs  
104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX

**Management Resources**

CSBA Publications

A Governance Perspective: Interviews with School Board Members from the Nine Linked Learning Initiative School Districts, March 2014  
The Linked Learning Approach to High School Reform, Governance Brief, January 2014

California Department of Education Publications

California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, Grades Seven Through Twelve, January 2013  
Multiple Pathways to Student Success: Envisioning the New California High School, 2010  
Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools, Grades Seven Through Twelve, January 2007

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
Association for Career and Technical Education: <http://www.acteonline.org>  
California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: <http://www.carocp.org>  
California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>  
California Department of Education, Career Technical Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct>  
California Department of Employment Development: <http://www.edd.ca.gov>  
California Department of Industrial Relations: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>  
California Workforce Development Board: <http://www.cwdb.ca.gov>  
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>  
University of California, a-g Course Submissions:

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[http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course\\_submissions](http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions)

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cte/index.html>

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov>