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High School Career Technical Education

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(CTE) Definition

- Schools Organize CTE Around 15 Industry Sectors
 - California Department of Education (CDE) has developed curriculum standards for each sector.



CTE Objectives

Promote Student Engagement

 Teach academic subjects in a hands-on way and link to areas of career interest.

Teach Technical Skills

 Provide technical skills that could lead to postsecondary education or jobs.

Teach Soft Skills

 Provide soft skills, such as teambuilding, that could enhance postsecondary education and job readiness.

► Help State Meet Workforce Goals

 State workforce plan sets goal of producing more middle-skilled workers.



State's Approach to Funding CTE

- Historically, State Has Supported CTE Through Categorical Programs
 - Prior to 2013-14, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs was the state's largest high school CTE program.
 - From 2013-14 to 2017-18, the state supported CTE through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), together with categorical programs intended to operate during the transition to full LCFF implementation.
- State Funded Two Ongoing High School CTE Programs in 2018-19

	CTE Incentive Grant	High School Strong Workforce Program
Grant Funding	\$150 million ongoing	\$150 million ongoing
Local Match	2:1	2:1
Administration	California Department of Education	California Community Colleges
Allocation	Allocated to school districts on a competitive basis.	Allocated to Strong Workforce consortia based on a formula considering grades 7-12 attendance and regional workforce needs. Each consortium, in turn, awards grants to school districts on a competitive basis.

CTE Accountability Under LCFF

- Schools Districts Are Responsible for Preparing Their Students for College and Career
 - Under LCFF, every school district is required to develop a strategic plan that sets performance goals and guides how they spend their LCFF dollars.
 - School districts report certain student outcomes to the state, which are displayed on a public website known as the School Dashboard (Dashboard). The Dashboard includes an indicator of college and career readiness.
 - If a school district does not do well on Dashboard indicators, it must examine its root performance issues and access support to help it improve.
 - Based on the second year of performance data, about 40 percent of students are "prepared" for college and career, 20 percent are "approaching prepared," and 40 percent are "not prepared."

CTE Accountability Under LCFF

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College and Career Readiness Indicator Gives Districts Options^a

Prepared

High school diploma + any one of the following measures:

- Completed a CTE pathway and (1) met standards on state tests in either English or math and nearly met standard in the other subject or (2) completed one semester of dual enrollment in college-level coursework (CTE or academic)
- Met standards on state tests in both English and math
- · Completed two semesters of dual enrollment in college-level coursework (CTE or academic)
- · Passed two Advanced Placement or two International Baccalaureate exams
- Completed all courses required for admission to UC and CSU and (1) completed a CTE pathway or (2) met standards on state tests in either English or math and nearly met standards in the other subject or (3) completed one semester of dual enrollment or (4) passed one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam

Approaching Prepared

High school diploma + any one of the following measures:

- Completed a CTE pathway
- Nearly met standards on state tests in both English and math
- Completed one semester of dual enrollment in college-level coursework (CTE or academic)
- · Completed all courses required for admission to UC and CSU

Not Prepared

No high school diploma or high school diploma but no measures met^b

- ^a Applied to every student in a district. The State Board of Education over the next three years plans to develop a "well prepared" category. That category is to include information about the number of students that earned certificates and participated in internships and other work-based learning in high school.
 ^b Student has not met any of the measures required to be deemed approaching prepared.
- CTE = career technical education; UC = University of California; and CSU = California State University.

