



2017 Legislative Focus



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The purpose of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) is to provide leadership and services to our members as they prepare students for lifelong career success. WA-ACTE provides leadership to enhance and support Career and Technical Education (CTE) in communities and schools. WA-ACTE and our affiliated sections work closely with our K-12 workforce training/education and community/technical college partners to provide high-quality CTE program opportunities for all students in Washington State (middle schools, high schools, and skill centers). Washington ACTE and the nine sections of our board develop and approve the Legislative Focus annually.

FOCUS: PROVIDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RESOURCES and FUNDING

CTE Vision	Our Plan	Legislative Ask	New State Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Equity and Access to quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for EVERY student in Washington • Prioritize CTE within McCleary funding solutions, recognizing and supporting the substantial contributions CTE makes to graduation rates and the state's economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide stable, dependable, and reliable funding for quality CTE programs statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement CTE and Skill Center Hold Harmless funding formula changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjust "Other ESA Staff Ratio" in CTE and Skill Center to same rate as General Education ○ Lower class size for CTE and Skill Centers • Update CTE (Vocational) Funding formula: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish new guidelines for allowable expenditures 2. Adjust CTE MSOC with a multiplier of General Education MSOC and adjust Skill Center MSOC to reflect three year actuals 3. Move Principal allocation to General Education and create CTE Director allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update funding formula for CTE & Skill Centers in 2017-2019 biennial budget

FOCUS: PROMOTE THE VALUE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase equitable access to quality Career and Technical Education for every student in Washington State Increase high school completion through multiple student options for education/training after high school Improving student success in the economy by closing the skills gap for entry-level and beyond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access for all students through expanded CTE opportunities Develop career exploration resources for students, parents, schools, business, industry, and civic organizations Increase access to Work-Based Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask the State Board of Education to identify and create the “Personalized Graduation Pathway” (PGP) for districts to understand and apply the flexible credits within the current graduation requirements Promote and support growth in CTE equivalency credit opportunities. Provide grant resources for career exploration and preparation activities for all students, including primary, elementary, and secondary Expand access and ability for districts to provide quality Work-Based Learning activities for all students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional resources for State Board of Education to create the PGP Improved graduation rates for the state of Washington Increased numbers of prepared and competitively engaged workforce

FOCUS: SUPPORT QUALITY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CTE Vision	Our Plan	Legislative Ask	New State Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide all CTE students opportunities to develop their leadership skills locally, regionally, and nationally through participation in OSPI-approved extended learning student leadership activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase support for state-recognized Career and Technical Student Leadership Organization (CTSO) activities Provide start-up resources for district-approved extended learning student leadership activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding for supervision of statewide CTSSO activities within current CTE Grants Consider creation of a grant program to provide start-up resources for extended day/year leadership activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund State CTSSO activities necessary to meet state CTE standards

Washington ACTE supports your dedication to fully fund K12 education for all students in Washington State that meet high standards and develop the skills needed to be successful in life.