



Washington Association for Career and Technical Education

2018 Legislative Focus

Washington ACTE supports your dedication to fully fund K-12 education for all students in Washington State that meet high standards and develop the skills needed to be successful in life.



The core purpose of WA-ACTE is to provide leadership and services to its members as they prepare students for lifelong career success. WA-ACTE presents this 2018 Legislative Focus in support of our mission to support our members in providing high quality CTE opportunities for ALL students in Washington State. 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). WA-ACTE and the nine sections of our Board develop and approve this agenda.

FOCUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RESOURCES (Funding)

CTE Vision	Our Plan	Legislative Ask	New State Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize state Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding allocation in supporting the substantial contribution CTE makes to graduation rates and the state's economy • Maintain Equity and Access to quality (CTE) programs for EVERY student in Washington State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure state funds provided for CTE programs are stable, dependable, and reliable to deliver quality CTE programs in local districts statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure the funding provided in the budget to CTE is not lost for use in CTE programs due to FTE calculation • Remove direct charges for salaries outside of CTE program activities from the allowable expenditures list for CTE enhanced funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero cost to state in new dollars • Ensures funds as intended for students and programs are maximized for their use • Direct charges will be equitably sourced for both CTE and General Education staff salaries • An equitable source of all Basic Education staff salaries, leaves CTE funds for CTE programs (as intended by Legislature)



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FOCUS: THE VALUE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON STATE

CTE Vision	Our Plan	Legislative Ask	New State Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase equitable access for students to quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for every student in Washington State • Increase high school completion rates through multiple student options for education/training after high school • Improve student success in the economy by closing the skills gap for entry-level and beyond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with all stakeholders to develop Career Connected Learning opportunities for students, parents, schools, business, industry, and civic organizations • Increase access to Career Connected Learning—Work-Based Learning (CCL/WBL) for ALL students in Washington State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support growth of “Dual Credits for CTE” in the high schools statewide • Expand (CCL/WBL) with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robust High School and Beyond Plans for ALL students ○ Expand paid Youth/Apprenticeship opportunities in more industry sectors • Establish a PK-12+ Career Guidance and Advisement for parents and students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved graduation rates for the state of Washington • Increased numbers of prepared and competitively engaged workforce • Increased guidance ensures students make informed decisions about their educational and career pathways • Support for stronger career exploration activities increases student engagement in their pursuit of their education and career pathway

FOCUS: SUPPORT 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"> • Provide additional funding for supervision of statewide CTSO activities within current CTE Grants process • Establish a grant program to provide start-up resources for extended-day/year student leadership activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.3M to fund State CTSO activities necessary to meet state CTE standards • Reduces the cost for individual students to participate in quality CTSO activities



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