

WA – ACTE

OSPI Report – January 2025

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General Updates

Legislative Updates – OSPI

OSPI Submitted Legislative Decision Packages can be found here: [Legislative Budget Requests](#); Summary: [2025 Legislative Budget Requests](#) and Overview: [2025 Legislative Budget Requests Summary by Group](#)

OSPI HSBP: Districts are completing statewide readiness assessment surveys - identifying if they are launching SchoolLinks as part of the Fall 2025 or Fall 2026 cohort. Sharing [HSBP Platform Pre-Implementation Guide](#), which was provided to districts. Questions regarding HSBP - hsbp@k12.wa.us

OSPI Agency Communications of Note:

Superintendent’s State of Public Education Address: [Superintendent Chris Reykdal's State of Public Education Annual Address | OSPI - YouTube](#)

[State Superintendent Chris Reykdal on His Plan to Close Gaps in K-12 Funding | Press Conference \(September\)](#) and slides [2025 OSPI Budget Proposals Press Conference Slide Deck](#)

Legislative Updates – CTE

Bill Number	Tracker Title	Bill Title	Summary
HB 1121	Work restrictions/age 16, 17	Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds	Increases allowable work hours during the school week for 16- to 17-year-olds who are enrolled in an approved CTE Work Based Learning program.
HB 1167	Maritime careers task force	Directing the statewide career and technical education task force to consider educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions.	Expands the membership of the statewide CTE Taskforce established by ESHB 2236 to include a representative from the Washington state department of transportation state ferries division.
HB 1280 & SB 5358	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.	
HB 1285	Financial Education	Making financial education instruction a	

		graduation requirement in public schools.	
HB 1414	CTE careers work group	Improving access to career opportunities for students.	This proposed bill directs OSPI to convene a work group with the department of Labor and Industries and other required stakeholders to assess and recommend changes to existing laws, rules, and policies that currently restrict access to training, certifications, licenses, and employment opportunities for 16-17 year old students who are currently participating in or who have completed secondary CTE programs.
SB 5080	Financial Education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement.	

CTE Department Updates

Newly Hired CTE Associate Director

We welcomed **Kari Morgan** as the Associate Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE) effective November 18, 2024. Kari is an enthusiastic educator who brings more than a decade of direct CTE experience in the educational field as a Skills Center Registrar, GEAR UP Coordinator, CTE Business Education Teacher and most recently as the CTE Director for North Beach School District.

Welcome to the team, Kari!



We are pleased to announce that **Dennis (Denny) Wallace** has joined the CTE Team in an interim role, supporting the CTE Department while we are in the hiring process for the Agricultural Education Program Supervisor position. Currently in the final stages of the hiring process.

Welcome back, Denny!



Upcoming Openings

Agriculture Education Program Supervisor – expected offer week of January 27

Core Plus Program Supervisor – expected launch week of January 27

CTE Program Supervisor – expected launch mid-February

Administrative Assistant 3 – expected start date February 18

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Course Approval Technical Assistance

Scheduled throughout February. Available as needed.

CTE News & More

The next CTE News and More is scheduled for February 20, 2025 – 3:30pm.

- Equivalencies 101 – clock hour eligible

CTE Contacts:

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Full CTE staff list: [CTE Contact List](#)