

CTE State Plan and Goals

The State Plan for Career and Technical Education is focused on improving the academic and technical educational opportunities for students, including rigorous and relevant for career preparation. The State Plan for CTE has been developed with the understanding that an academic education and technical education are compatible concepts and the academics are reinforced and applied through a high quality, rigorous technical education.

The State Plan for Career and Technical Education is based on four (4) goals. The public education systems must take immediate action by addressing the following challenges:

- Recognizing the unique needs of a diverse student population
- Preparing students for college and career success
- Providing students with a quality education that prepares them to be competitive within a global economy
- Recruiting and retaining qualified teachers

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The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Unit in the Curriculum Division of TEA provides direction and leadership to the CTE programs throughout Texas. Unit staff assists districts statewide with implementation of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for CTE, collaborates with various professional organizations about CTE programs, and assists the Instructional Materials and Educational Technology Division in overseeing the textbook adoption process for CTE instructional materials. The CTE Unit also provides ongoing communication with the field related to the curriculum and graduation requirements in 19 TAC Chapter 74.

Career and technical education programs offer a sequence of courses that provides students with coherent and rigorous content. CTE content is aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions.