Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.

A New School Year

As a new school year begins, think about the Purpose and Value of CTE and the importance of CTE Career Pathways. Teachers, guide students to a Pathway that will help them gain the academic and technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. Students, plan for your future by participating in Career and Technical Education. CTE provides opportunities for concurrent enrollment, industry-recognized credentials of value, and meaningful work-based learning experiences. Participation in CTE will save you time and money towards postsecondary training. Learn the skills today that you will use in your future career. Study hard, stay in school, and set a goal to be a CTE Pathway completer.

We wish you a successful school year!

CTE Back-to-School Planning Guide

- Teachers: Assist students in creating a portfolio in UtahFutures.org.
- School Counselors: Assist students in planning their classes as they connect to a CTE Career Pathway.
- Students: Join a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) to engage in leadership activities.
- High school juniors: Ask your school counselor if you are on track to become a CTE Pathway completer. (A CTE Pathway completer is eligible to receive a Secondary Pathway Completer Recognition Award at graduation.)
- High school seniors: Plan now to apply for a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award. Applications are due Friday, February 1, 2020.

Adobe Create Utah

EXCITING NEWS! Utah now has a statewide agreement with Adobe for their Creative Cloud software. The project, called Create UT, is for students grades 7-12 and all Utah faculty and staff whose school or district has completed and returned a Participation Agreement.

Beginning July 1, 2019 and continuing through June 30, 2020, license fees are paid through an appropriation from the Utah State Legislature. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Create UT partners will seek ongoing funding. However, in the event legislative funding is not authorized, participating institutions will be responsible for the costs or given the option to withdraw from the agreement.

Teachers, talk to your school technology specialist or IT department to get Adobe Creative Cloud on your electronic devices and those of your students.

Adobe Creative Cloud training will take place throughout the year. A schedule of trainings will be shared via @UtahCTE on social media.
We are improving our state plan! In an effort to increase high quality CTE programs in Utah, we are looking for your input on alignment to industry needs and increasing student access to high-quality education. Your feedback will drive the implementation of CTE opportunities for students in Utah. Complete a stakeholder survey today at https://bit.ly/2KZ6fTl.

Educators Rising
Utah CTE has added Educators Rising to the seven Utah Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) students can join. Educators Rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession. Twenty-seven states and regions have become Educators Rising affiliates and more than 2,400 schools nationwide have joined Educators Rising.
To join Utah Educators Rising talk to your region CTE director, CTE coordinator, or CTE teacher.

New USBE/CTE Education Specialists
Utah CTE welcomes Maren Hansen and Kristina Yamada to our team here at the Utah State Board of Education! Their education expertise is an asset to CTE as we serve the students of Utah.

MAREN HANSEN
Maren Hansen comes to USBE after spending 19 years in Davis School District, with most of that time at Woods Cross High School. Maren spent 15 of her 19 years in Davis School District in the classroom teaching a variety of courses in Health Science.
Maren came into education after spending the first ten years of her career working full-time as an Athletic Trainer at both the college and high school levels. While still in the classroom, Maren also coached girls’ basketball and track, was the HOSA advisor, and provided Athletic Training/Sports Medicine coverage for Woods Cross High School. Read more about Maren.

KRISTINA YAMADA
Kristina Yamada comes to the USBE from the Davis School District, where she spent the last 15 years teaching students from kindergarten to high school. Her last position was the CTE Coordinator at Mountain High School and the Davis School District’s IT Specialist. Kristina has taught subjects in Business and Marketing, Information Technology, and Digital Media. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Utah Valley University in the Digital Media Department.
Kristina feels it is important to give back to her profession and her community. For this reason, she chooses to sit on several youth and educational boards. Read more about Kristina.

Utah CTE Publications and Resources
As you plan your school year, below are a few publications and resources to assist you in promoting the CTE programs in your school.

CTE 101 video | CTE Credentials of Value | Career Clusters flyers | Pathways and Facts posters | Shift infographic | Students Advocate for CTE: Student Success Stories

Connect with Utah CTE
Join our online communities to connect and stay connected with @UtahCTE. Watch for daily tweets and Facebook posts highlighting Utah CTE.

#MythBusterMonday | #TeacherTuesday | #WBLWednesday | #ThursdayThoughts |#CTEFactFriday

Calendar:
September 5: Utah State Board of Education Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT
September 5-15: Little Hands on the Farm exhibit– Utah State Fair Park – Salt Lake City, UT
September 12: Utah State Charter School Board Meeting – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT