WHAT IS CTE?

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs offer both academic and career oriented training. These programs prepare youth and adults for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers. CTE programs can be found in high schools, community and technical colleges, four year universities and more.

ELEMENTS OF A HIGH-QUALITY CTE PROGRAM

- Aligned with California CTE Model Curriculum Standards, providing a coherent sequence of courses, properly coded (CBEDs)
- Provides career exploration and guidance
- Provides work readiness skills and leadership development
- Provides for regional and local partnerships with post-secondary educational institutions documented through written agreements
- Forms ongoing employer partnerships
- Provides work-based learning opportunities
- Reflects regional or local labor market demands
- Leads to an industry-recognized credential or certificate
- Is staffed by CTE-credentialed, skilled teachers
- Program reports data to allow for program evaluation
- Program promotion, marketing and outreach