



Career and Technical Education

CTE DIRECTIONS

Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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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.

What Students Are Saying About CTE



“Without taking CTE courses I would have never considered the possibility of becoming a teacher. Through taking these courses, and having the opportunity to do internships, I have seen a glimpse and experienced what it is like to be a teacher,” said Hadlee Russell.



“The first CTE course I took was the one that got me interested in the medical field. I loved learning about the human body and wanted to learn more,” said Hunter Morse.



“I have found what my passions are in high school rather than spending thousands of dollars in college taking classes that may not help me get where I want to be in life,” said Arianna Giles.



“Taking CTE concurrent enrollment classes has given me college credit and the skills I need for my career. Taking these classes early has made them much more affordable as well as giving me the skills I need for my career,” said Jaren Woodbury.

Students participating in CTE prepare for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand careers in established and emerging industries.

Create Utah

Join Adobe and the Utah State Board of Education in preparing students for success and developing 21st century skills like digital literacy, creativity, and critical thinking. As part of Create Utah, Adobe is making available free professional development opportunities for educators for many grade levels and content areas <https://adobe.ly/402joPR>.

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Harbor Freight Tools for Schools



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Each year, Harbor Freight awards \$1.5 million to 25 outstanding U.S. high school skilled trades teachers and their programs for teaching excellence in agriculture mechanics, carpentry, construction, electrical, HVAC, manufacturing, plumbing transportation mechanics, and welding. Last year, Blair Jensen, welding teacher at JATC—Jordan Academy for Technology and Careers—received an award.

“The most rewarding thing for me is celebrating students’ successes. To see the joy when they finally master the skill is one of my favorite things about this job.”

Qualifying teachers can apply for the 2023 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence at <https://hftforschoolsprize.org/>.

Applications Due May 5, 2023 | Finalists Announced June 13, 2023 | Winners Announced October 2023

Utah CTE Summer Conference

Each year, Utah CTE educators from across the state participate in the annual CTE Summer Conference. This is the premier opportunity for CTE educators to hear about the latest industry and education trends. Educators will receive hands-on training, important teaching techniques and CTE initiatives that support high quality instruction. Plan now to attend one or more of the CTE Summer Conferences beginning in June. Conferences will be held in various locations across the state. Check out the conferences that are now open for registration <https://bit.ly/2E3MQdt>. Other conferences will be added throughout the coming months.

Calendar:

April 6: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

April 13: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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Utah CTE classes are open to all qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

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