



Career and Technical Education

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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.

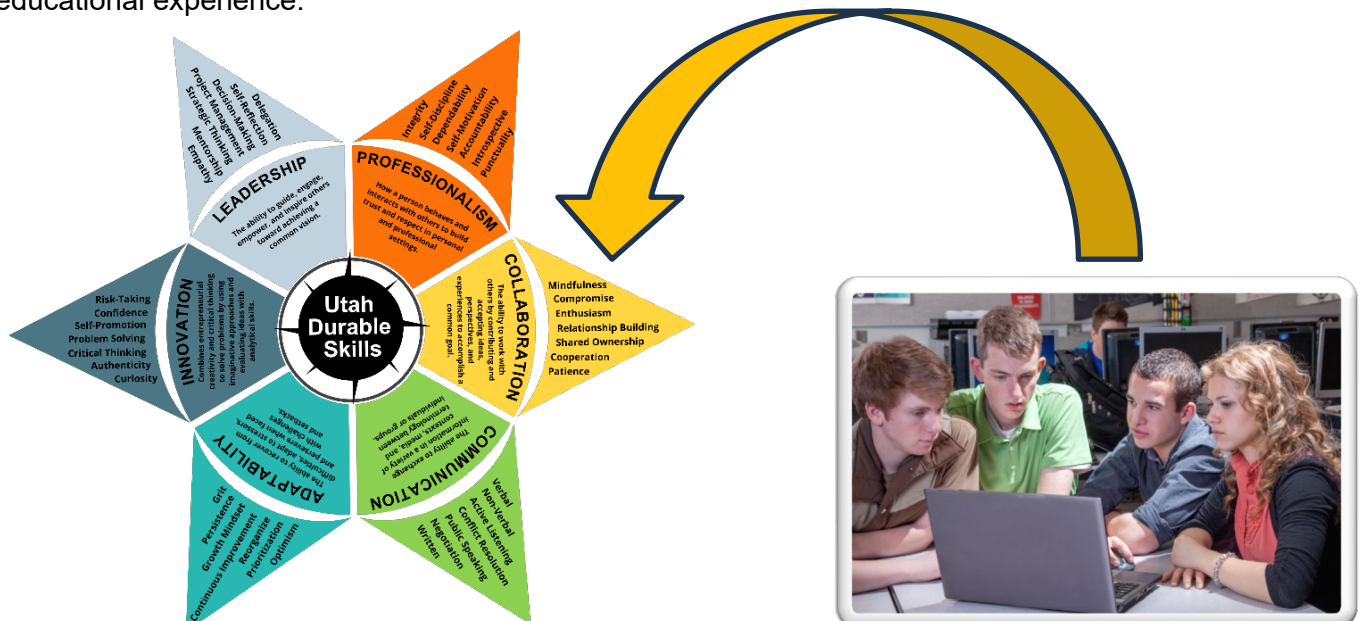
Utah Durable Skills

In today's rapidly evolving job market technical skills alone are often not enough. Employers consistently emphasize the need for graduates who can lead teams, solve complex problems, communicate effectively, and adapt to new technologies and work environments. Utah CTE wants to ensure that students are not only technically proficient but also possess the invaluable durable skills that will set them apart from their competition in the workforce.

As Utah CTE continues to share a durable skill each month, this month we highlight the collaboration skill. Below are practical ideas on how this skill can be taught in the classroom and the importance of collaboration.

Collaboration is the ability to work with others by contributing and accepting ideas, perspectives, and experiences to achieve a common goal. Below are some concrete examples that you can use to foster collaboration in the classroom.

- **Provide Curriculum Support:** Develop curriculum and lesson plans that intentionally build collaboration skills, such as problem-based learning and real-world experiences.
- **Share Best Practices:** Share successes and challenges in a professional learning community (PLC). This allows collaboration to solve problems and make decisions about instruction.
- **Support Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs):** Participation as an advisor in a CTSO, as these organizations are designed to develop leadership and technical skills through collaboration with peers.
- **Establish Advisory Committees:** Create or utilize existing advisory committees with industry professionals. These committees strengthen relationships between educators and the business community, providing real-world guidance on the skills students need, including collaboration.
- **Foster Cross-Curricular Collaboration:** Facilitate opportunities to collaborate on projects in different subject areas. This not only models collaboration for students but also helps create a more cohesive educational experience.



Advice to Students

Utah high school seniors were asked, “What advice would you offer to future students about taking CTE courses during high school? Alaina gives this advice.

Alaina: Future Emergency Medicine Physician

“CTE courses can lead to significant personal growth and can offer a lot of valuable life lessons, but only if you are participating and have a desire to be successful. CTE courses can be challenging, as many of them are college level courses, but they are worth the hard work. Take as many CTE classes as possible, try new classes and subjects that look interesting. CTE courses are designed to assist high school students in their future lives and careers, each one offering unique knowledge and experiences. CTE classes can lead to the discovery of a new passion or interest that you may want to pursue in a profession. CTE courses are extremely rewarding, even if you are not interested in pursuing a career in that field. My advice to future students taking CTE courses is to take as many as you can, and to put in the hard work, so you can receive all of the benefits from taking CTE courses in high school.”



Nicholas: Future ASE Master Technician



“Throughout high school, CTE courses gave me a ton of hands-on experience and a solid foundation for life after graduation. I took all kinds of CTE classes including business and marketing, animal science, welding, and automotive technology. These classes helped me try out different career paths, learn real skills, and figure out what I enjoy doing. My automotive classes taught me what it’s like to work in the industry and made me more passionate about cars and motorcycles. Welding and business courses gave me the skills

that will help me run my own shop one day.

The best part about CTE was the hands-on learning. Instead of sitting in a classroom, I got real-world experience that prepared me for a career. These classes have set me up for my next steps in automotive technology training and gave me the confidence to go after a job in the industry. Overall, CTE has had a huge impact on my professional goals and given me a chance to prepare while I am still in high school for a potential career.”

North Sanpete School District

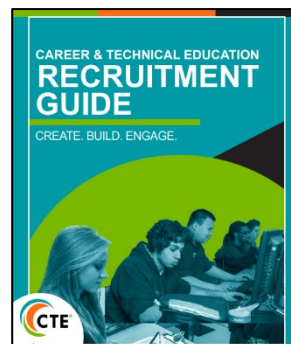
After years of planning and collaboration, Pleasant Creek School is proud to announce that construction has begun on the automotive lab to serve 9-12 grade students in the North Sanpete School District. This new, full-time facility will serve both Pleasant Creek School and North Sanpete High School, providing students with hands-on learning opportunities using high-quality equipment designed to prepare them for success in the automotive industry.

The goal is to have the lab fully operational at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Once completed, this space will not only enhance educational opportunities for students but will also serve as a valuable resource for the broader community. The lab will include two bays, a classroom, and high-end equipment including an ultra-sonic engine cleaning unit.

A special highlight of this project is that the construction foreman is a former Pleasant Creek School student. His return to lead the building of this new facility represents a full-circle moment and reflects the lasting impact of the programs and people at Pleasant Creek School.

How to Promote Your CTE Program

What strategies are you using to market your CTE programs and recruit students? Utah CTE has resources to assist you. The [CTE Recruitment Guide](#) can help you think about different strategies to market your CTE programs and recruit students. Don’t forget to showcase and promote your CTE programs using social media, the web, and print publication. Here are some ideas of [How to Promote Your CTE Program](#).



Calendar:

November 6: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

November 13: [Utah State Charter School Board 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.