ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Funding for CTE is based on the regular Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU), including incentives to provide CTE in secondary public schools.

**Carl. D. Perkins Act**

The federal government is highly interested in CTE as a means to prepare the workforce with the academic and technical skills needed to succeed in a global economy. In July 2018, the Carl D. Perkins CTE Federal Education Act (Perkins V) was re-authorized by the federal government to increase the quality of career and technical education throughout the United States.

Perkins V provides federal support of CTE programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories. The law focuses on the academic and technical achievement of CTE students, strengthening the connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and improving accountability.

State and Perkins Accountability

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) uses a four-phased approach to maintaining program and performance accountability.

1. **Annual Membership Reporting**
   Teacher qualifications, teacher/course/membership reporting, state specialist review and approval, and on-site auditing.

2. **Annual Self-Evaluation - Standards**
   Entered by teachers online (focuses on standards), summary report to USBE specialists/CTE directors, used to develop in-service, technical assistance, goal setting, and program improvement.

3. **On-site Evaluation - Standards**
   Six-year cycle, instructor self-evaluation, state specialist on-site evaluation, and feedback/improvement, including summary report, improvement plan to address needs, continuous improvement and follow-up.

4. **Student Performance - Standards**
   Academic and skill achievement (standardized test for academic, skills tests for skills), completion (graduation), placement, training for nontraditional careers, evaluation and performance improvements.

$15 million is the amount Utah receives from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. Nationally, the annual total appropriation for Perkins is $1.05 billion.

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2018 authorizes funding for secondary and postsecondary CTE programs to develop more fully the academic, career and technical skills of students enrolled in CTE.

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