

Education and Training Needs (continued)

California Career Technical Education

Career Technical Education (CTE) is a program of study that involves a multi-year sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

California high schools have developed CTE programs, some may include only a few CTE courses, while others may include Career pathways and/or Academies. Career Pathways typically are organized around broad industry areas such as health, media, or science and engineering. They combine rigorous academics with real world applications so that learning is more relevant to everyday life and future careers. Academic classes are combined with classes that focus on occupational skill development. Programs emphasize learning in the community and the workplace through work-based learning internships, job shadow experiences, meeting with career mentors, etc.

Counseling and guidance focuses on identifying interests, skills and abilities. Students can set and meet their long-term educational and career goals. From these experiences, students are able to determine which postsecondary option is best for them: university, community college, apprenticeship programs, military, trade schools, etc.

The CTE system may include ROCP classes and Technical Preparation programs (listed below). If you are not already part of an Academy or Career Pathway, talk to your school counselor or teachers about CTE opportunities at your school.

Career Technical Education Framework for Public Schools

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd/documents/cteframework.pdf>

The Framework was developed with teachers in mind but has information that will be of interest to students. Part II contains information about all 58 California CTE pathways, including information about the occupations students may be able to enter after completing a CTE program. Most occupations will require some training and education after high school.

California Career Technical Student Organizations

Information regarding Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), FHA-Hero, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and Skills USA.

DECA: An Association of Marketing Students

<http://www.cadeca.org/>

California DECA is a student organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed specifically for students interested in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship.

FHA-HERO

<http://www.hect.org/fhahero>

FHA-HERO is the pro-professional organization for Home Economics Careers and Technology education students in grades 6-12.

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Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

<http://www.cafbla.org>

FBLA is a student organization for student leaders preparing for careers in business.

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

<http://www.calaged.org/>

FFA is a national student organization for agriculture education students in grades 9-12.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

<http://www.cal-hosa.org>

A student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

SkillsUSA

<http://www.casusa.org/>

SkillsUSA is a national student organization for industrial and technical education programs.

California One-Stop Career Centers

<http://www.edd.ca.gov/one-stop/pic.htm>

California One-Stop Career Centers can link you with the education and training providers in your community. Whether in an office building, mobile van, or kiosk, information is available to assist you in identifying education and training opportunities in your community and throughout the State. One-Stop Career Centers are the nation's publically-funded resource for jobseekers and businesses. Find jobs — from entry level to technical to professional to CEO. Locate public workforce services in your area. Explore alternative career paths, compare salary data for different occupations, learn which careers are hot, get resume writing tips, job interview strategies, and much more!

