



# Legislative Strategic Plan



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The purpose of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) is to provide leadership and services to our members as they prepare students for lifelong career success, to provide leadership to enhance and support Career and Technical Education (CTE) in communities and schools. WA-ACTE and our affiliated sections work closely with our K-12 workforce training/education and community/technical college partners to provide high-quality CTE program opportunities for all students in Washington State (middle schools, high schools, and skill centers). WA-ACTE and the nine sections of our board developed and approved this agenda.

## FOCUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RESOURCES (Funding)

CTE Vision	Our Goal	Our Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase Equity and Access to quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for EVERY student in Washington.</li> <li>Maximizing the substantial contributions CTE makes to increase graduation rates and support the state's economy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide stable, dependable, equitable, and reliable funding for quality CTE programs statewide.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limit allowable expenditures to stop the leakage of funds provided for CTE students and programs.</li> <li>Modify time-based calculation of skill center FTE to prevent loss of funding due to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various school bell schedules</li> <li>Time loss due to student travel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## FOCUS: THE VALUE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON STATE

CTE Vision	Our Goal	Our Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase equitable access to quality Career and Technical Education for every student in Washington State.</li> <li>• Increase high school completion through multiple pathways leading to education/training after high school.</li> <li>• Improving student success in the economy by closing the skills gap for entry level and beyond.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve access for all students through expanded CTE opportunities.</li> <li>• Develop career exploration resources for students, parents, schools, business, industry, and civic organizations.</li> <li>• Increase access to Work-Based Learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the current graduation requirements advance “Personalized Pathways” options for districts to apply the flexibility for students to earn credits.</li> <li>• Promote and support growth in CTE equivalency credit opportunities.</li> <li>• Provide grant resources for career exploration and preparation activities for all students, including primary, elementary, and secondary.</li> <li>• Expand access and ability for districts to provide quality Work-Based Learning activities for all students.</li> </ul>

## FOCUS: SUPPORT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CTE Vision	Our Goal	Our Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide all CTE students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills locally, regionally, and nationally through participation in OSPI-approved extended learning student leadership activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase support for state-recognized Career and Technical Student Leadership Organization (CTSO) activities.</li> <li>• Provide start-up resources for district-approved extended learning student leadership activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide funding for supervision of statewide CTSO activities within current CTE Grants to fund State CTSO activities necessary to meet state CTE standards.</li> <li>• Consider creation of a grant program to provide start-up resources for extended day/year leadership activities in local districts.</li> </ul>

**Washington ACTE supports your dedication to all students in Washington State to meet high standards in developing the skills needed for success in life.**