



Washington Association for Career and Technical Education
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Welcome to the only organization devoted solely to the needs of all Career and Technical Educators!

Thank you for joining many of your peers and becoming a proud member of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE)!

Since 1946, the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education has been the largest state membership organization supporting Career and Technical Educators in their efforts to prepare students for career and life success. WA-ACTE's members include teachers, administrators, teacher educators, career guidance counselors, teacher candidates, business partners, and other professionals in the field of Career and Technical Education.

WA-ACTE members are dedicated to the advancement of Career and Technical Education that prepares Washington's students for life and career success in a competitive workplace.

As a member of WA-ACTE, you will receive many outstanding benefits, including the following:

- ◆ **Legislative Advocacy**—WA-ACTE successfully promotes the interests of Career and Technical Education in Olympia.
- ◆ **Keeping You Informed**—WA-ACTE keeps you informed about the dynamic field of Career and Technical Education in the award-winning *Visions* magazine and e-News Blasts.
- ◆ **Advancing Your Career**—WA-ACTE provides you professional development resources to improve your knowledge of skills.
- ◆ **Opportunities to Develop Leadership Skills**—Get involved at all levels of the association and its volunteer leadership.
- ◆ **Recognition for Achievement**—Our state awards program honors educators who have developed unique and successful programs and teaching strategies.

Your membership in WA-ACTE means increased visibility at the Capitol. To our state's policymakers, numbers represent strength. Your membership allows WA-ACTE to initiate and monitor legislation, which critically impacts funding and programs for Career and Technical Education.

Who We Are

The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest state education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. Its purpose is to provide leadership and services to our members as they prepare students for roles in the workplace and society. Its mission is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce. *We, the members of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education, believe that...* Career and Technical Education is essential to the national workforce and global economy; therefore, it is the mission of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education to support and promote Career and Technical Education.

This mission is carried out through four purposes:

- Professional Development—Encourage career development, professional involvement, and leadership among members.
- Program Improvement—Foster excellence in Career and Technical Education.
- Policy Development—Advocate state and national public policy to benefit Career and Technical Education.
- Marketing—Promote Career and Technical Education to the public.

WA-ACTE offers many avenues to fulfill those purposes, including:

- Summer Conference and Trade Show
- WAOE / Tech Prep Collaboration Conference
- Legislative Policy Seminar
- Hot Topic Workshops
- Legislative Advocacy
- Award-Winning Publications
- State Awards Program
- Professional Resources

About WA-ACTE

Founded in 1946, WA-ACTE has members statewide who represent subject areas of:

- Administration
- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Diversified Occupations
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Career Guidance and Counseling
- Marketing Education
- Industrial Technology Education
- Skilled and Technical Sciences (Technology & Industry)

They are teachers, administrators, career guidance specialists and counselors, university professors, students, and state/local employees at middle, secondary, and postsecondary educational levels.

The association's state headquarters is based in Olympia, Washington. Association policy is determined by a 13-member elected Executive Board, including a president, past president, and president elect and 10 representatives representing the association's 9 sections. Members of the sections are appointed to standing committees that help determine policy. Day-to-day operations of the association are managed by a three-member staff.

WA-ACTE works full-time on legislative issues to make sure Career and Technical Education programs are adequately funded...and that our members get all they need to make the most of their professional abilities.

Member Services

- Professional Development and Networking—Participate in skill-building conferences offered year-round and network with other workforce education leaders. Explore leadership development by becoming an officer or member of a WA-ACTE Section or Committee.
- Image—WA-ACTE works diligently to enhance the image of Career and Technical Education and Educators.
- Advocacy—WA-ACTE promotes the interests of Career and Technical Educators in Olympia to ensure our programs are appropriately recognized and funded.
- *Visions*—WA-ACTE's member magazine keeps you on top of the latest Career and Technical Education trends and issues.
- Awards—WA-ACTE's annual Awards Program can give you or someone you know deserved recognition.

Legislative Relations

What We Do

WA-ACTE is a powerful advocate for Career and Technical Education in Olympia. WA-ACTE ensures that your views and concerns are heard at the Capitol, in the Administration, and among other education advocacy groups.

WA-ACTE legislative relations activities include expert representation in Olympia combined with coordinated grass-roots activities guided by the WA-ACTE Executive Director and Legislative Committee and involving WA-ACTE members across the state.

Advocate with us for your programs!

WA-ACTE's advocacy efforts are most effective when you participate. Policymakers rely on the expertise and integrity of your association in Olympia, but they respond when you carry the WA-ACTE message. The WA-ACTE headquarters office and its members around the state are an unbeatable advocacy team.

The WA-ACTE Legislative Committee is designed to keep you informed of the latest political and policy activities in Olympia that concern education legislation. Become an advocate now!

WA-ACTE also produces the *WOVE Legislative Update*, a weekly subscription newsletter during legislative session that reports all the legislative action regarding Career and Technical Education and policy decisions concerning all of education. In addition, all members receive *Visions*, a magazine that covers Career and Technical Education practices and issues, including state legislation.

WA-ACTE Conferences

www.wa-acte.org/futureconf.html

To get additional information and services, visit our web site at:
www.wa-acte.org