



2023 Legislative Strategic Plan



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 and 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 seven sections of our board developed and approved this agenda.

FOCUS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RESOURCES (Funding)

CTE Vision	Our Goal	Our Plan	Our Ask
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximize the ability for CTE to support the future of work and our state's economy by providing access to quality CTE programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To acquire direct, stable, dependable, and reliable funding resources to meet the needs of high quality CTE for every district. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To return allocation formulas for CTE programs to historical levels. Allow middle school students in CTE courses to factor into CTE funding/FTE calculations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return Class Size factor to 20 for CTE and 16 for Skill Centers. Limit the expenditure of state funds provided for CTE other than directly on CTE programs and students.

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

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the CTE Pathway to increase student opportunity and participation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend CTE opportunities and resources for students in middle school to include participating 6th graders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide greater number and variety of CTE opportunities beginning in middle school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the STEM limitation on middle school CTE offerings.

FOCUS: SUPPORT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CTE Vision	Our Goal	Our Plan	Our Ask
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To fund resources for local districts to provide approved extended learning and leadership activities for CTE students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide grant funding for local district career exploration and preparation activities for all students. Work with CTSOs to develop sustainable district level funding source for student leadership activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish grant funding for district implementation of approved student leadership activities.

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

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