
SOUTH DAKOTA'S VISION FOR CTE

2024 EDITION



WHAT IS CTE?

- Career and Technical Education equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for careers in the future workforce.
- CTE courses cover a wide variety of career areas – preparing students for nearly any career they can imagine.
- Course sequences build from exploratory classes to advanced technical skills and hands-on work-based learning opportunities.



WHAT IS CTE?

CTE equips students with the top five skills employers want:

1. Flexible/Adaptable
2. Lifelong learner/motivated to grow
3. Job-specific skills (hard skills)
4. Soft skills
5. Passionate about industry

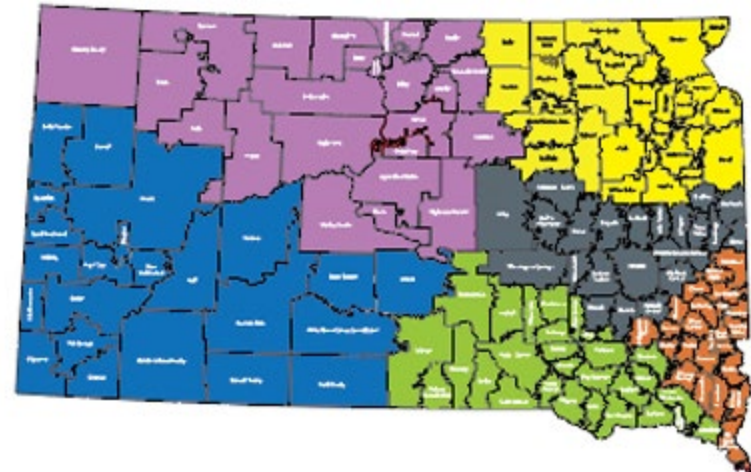
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WHERE IS CTE?

- Four state technical colleges
- 147 school districts
- 5 tribal/BIE schools
- 6 private schools



South Dakota Career and Technical Education (CTE) Framework

Vision: To transform and expand CTE so that each learner – regardless of background, age or zip code – is prepared for career and college success.



Five tenets guide this vision:



Every school district offers CTE programs that are connected to business and industry, postsecondary pathways, real-world experiences, labor market needs, and academic content.

Tenet II



Students have access to high quality, diverse programs irrespective of geography.

Tenet IV



The state will facilitate data, reporting, and application systems that support the above tenets.

Tenet V

Tenet I

As an integral part of a well-rounded education, CTE and career exploration are the norm and are student-centered.

Tenet III

Equity, integration, and alignment are intentional and embedded.



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CTE

- How can CTE programs better align with the workforce priorities of the state?
- How can CTE better meet the skilled workforce needs of employers?
- What role can employers play to ensure their current and future workforce needs are met?

How can you get involved?

