Vocational Education (Vo-Tech) **vs.** Career & Technical Education (CTE)

**What's in a Name?**
- Vo-Tech focused on...
  - Students who performed poorly in academic courses and/or were not considered 'college material'
  - A small number of low-wage careers
  - High school and traditional two-year postsecondary institutions only
  - Static skills only, in place of academic preparation
  - Short-term training and either training at a two-year postsecondary institution or no college

**Why the Change?**
- CTE focuses on...
  - ALL students, regardless of performance or postsecondary and career plans
  - ALL careers, including high-demand fields such as health science, information technology, and advanced manufacturing
  - Middle school through postsecondary, including technical institutes and universities
  - The integration of academics and career preparation within a rigorous standards-based curriculum
  - Professional certifications, associate degrees, four-year degrees and beyond

**Vo-Tech**
- Narrow focus, small impact

**CTE**
- Broad focus, large impact

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