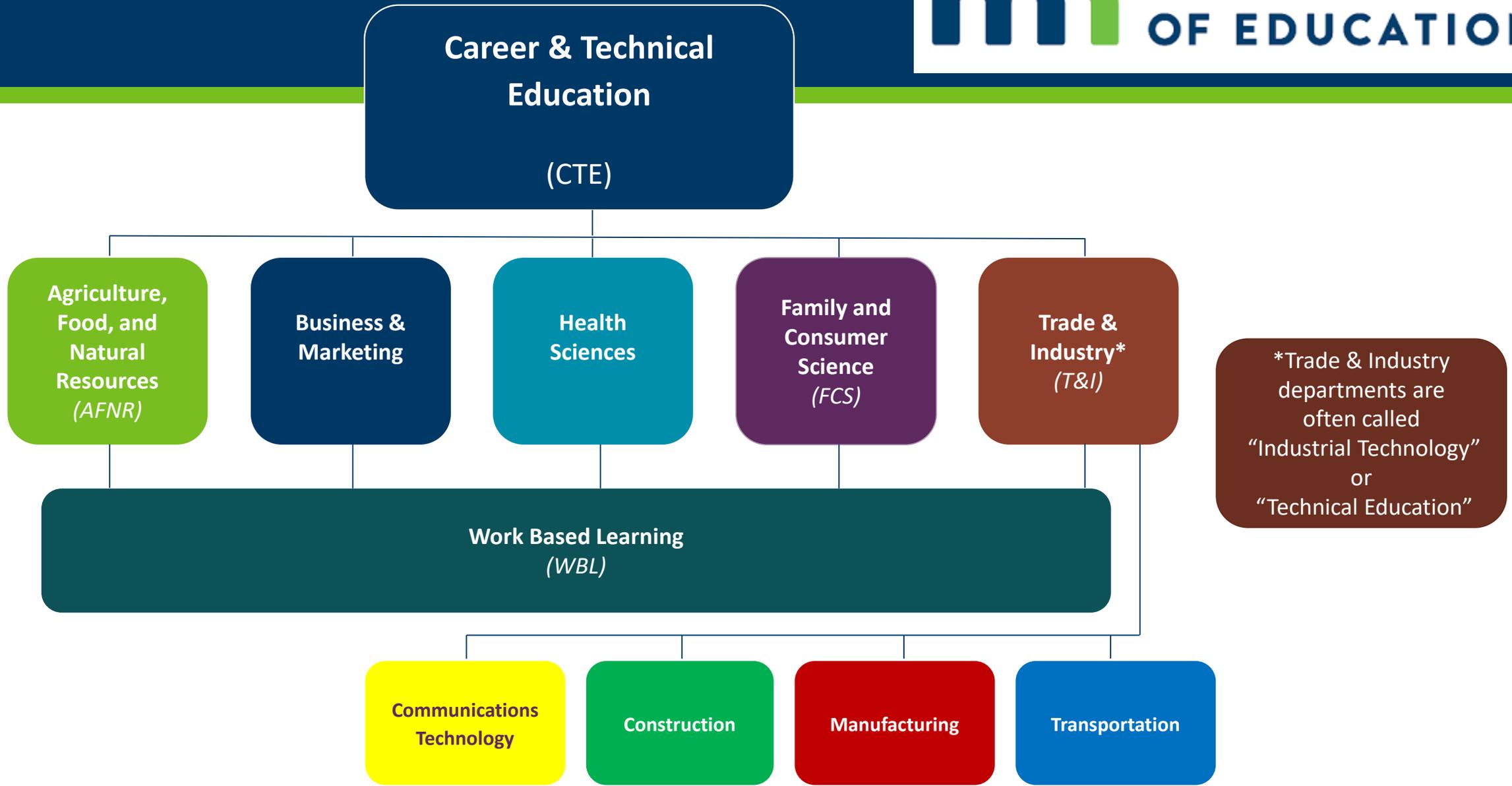




# MDE Updates, Program Approval, & New Stuff

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## MDE Updates

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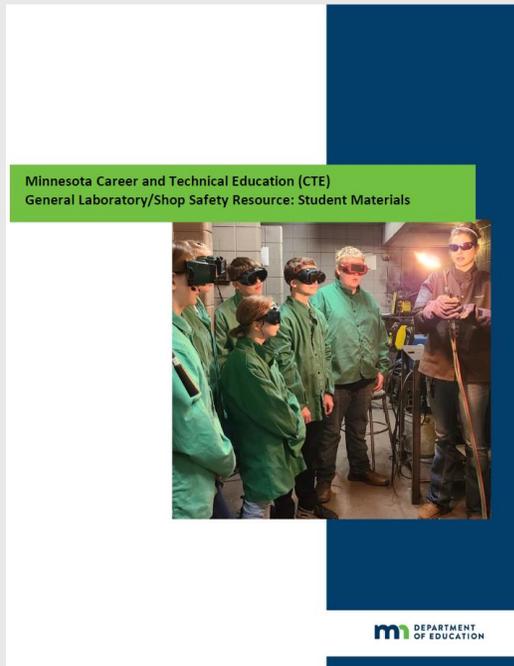
- Working Group
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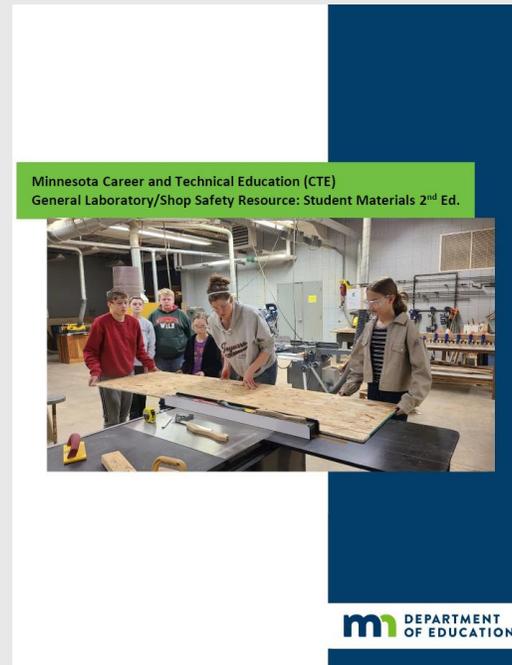
- [Career and Technical Education Credit Equivalencies \(mn.gov\)](http://mn.gov)

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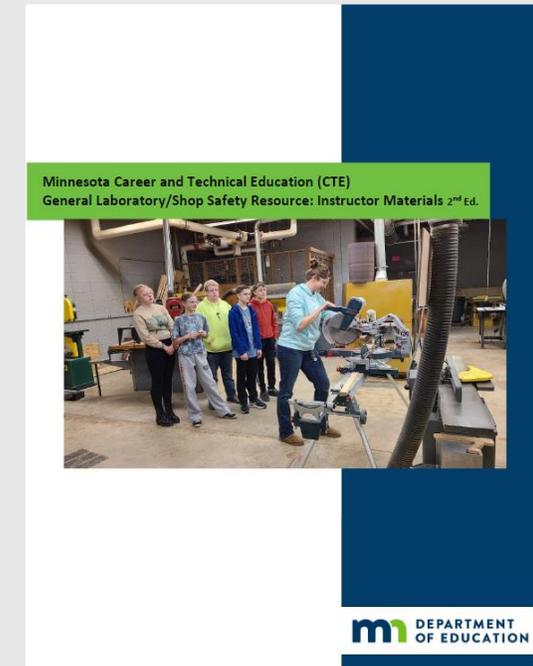
# Safety Training Resource Updated!



**Safety Guidance**  
75 pages



**Student Curriculum**  
380 pages



**Teacher Curriculum**  
333 pages

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## Safety Guidance for CTE

Safety plays a vital role in every Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. It is important to keep everyone safe in the CTE classroom and to properly prepare students with the best safety practices for when they enter the workforce.

The following resources can guide school districts in developing a culture of safety in their CTE programs and laboratories. Students, educators, administrators and industry professionals should consider use of these resources in developing and maintaining safe and effective, CTE environments and programs.

[Minnesota Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Safety Manual:](#)

Guidance and sample documents related to career and technical education school laboratory and shop safety procedures.

[Minnesota CTE Safety Student Curriculum - 7/10/24](#)

Specific safety practices, instruction, and study guides for students about general safety, hand tools, and a range of typical tools/equipment found in career and technical education laboratories and on project sites.

[Safety Brief: Class Sizes - 12/14/23](#)

Guidance related to determining class size limits within Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.

[Safety Brief: Subs in the Lab - 12/14/23](#)

Safety issues related to substitute teacher supervision of Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment.

[Safety Brief: Modifying Safety Tests - 12/13/23](#)

Guidance related to modifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment safety tests for students with individual education plans (IEP).

[Safety Brief: Machine Guarding - 12/13/23](#)

Guidance related to machine guarding in Career and Technical Education (CTE) labs.

[Safety Brief: Business Education - 12/13/23](#)

Safety issues related to delivery of Business Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

[Safety Brief: Shared Spaces - 12/13/23](#)

Safety issues related to sharing of Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment and facilities.



Safety is emphasized in all aspects of CTE program delivery.

**Related MDE resources:**

[Minnesota Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Safety Manual](#)



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<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/safety/>

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/prog/ind/>

- Have you renewed your license or your Out-of-Field Permissions (OFPs)?
- Up-to-date to access CTE Funding

- PELSB contact:

- <https://mn.gov/pelsb>
- [pelsb@state.mn.us](mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us)
- 651.539.4200

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# PELSB: who to contact

## PELSB Quick Reference Guide for Charter Schools and Districts

Category	Examples of Topics	PELSB Webpage	Contact Person	Email Address
Aspiring Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for a license</li> <li>• Find a preparation program</li> <li>• Licensure requirements</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/</a>	Licensing Executives or Customer Service	<a href="mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us">pelsb@state.mn.us</a>
Current Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• View Clock Hours and Renewal Trainings</li> <li>• Renew license</li> <li>• Apply for additional license</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/current-educators/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/current-educators/</a>	Licensing Executives or Customer Service	<a href="mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us">pelsb@state.mn.us</a>
Pathways to Licensure	• Licensure via Portfolio	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/portfolio/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/aspiring-educators/portfolio/</a>	Stacy Jeffrey	<a href="mailto:stacy.a.jeffrey@state.mn.us">stacy.a.jeffrey@state.mn.us</a>
	• American Indian Educators	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/index/amineduc/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/index/amineduc/</a>	Tribal Nation	Requires resolution or letter of support from a Tribal Nation.
	• Heritage Language Educators	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/index/heritagelangculture/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/index/heritagelangculture/</a>	Grant Boulanger	<a href="mailto:grant.boulanger@state.mn.us">grant.boulanger@state.mn.us</a>
Licensure Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory Requirements</li> <li>• Out-of-State Renewal</li> <li>• Renewing an Expired License</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/current-educators/renew/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/current-educators/renew/</a>	Keile LaMotte	<a href="mailto:Keile.Lamotte@state.mn.us">Keile.Lamotte@state.mn.us</a>
Licensure Compliance/ STAR report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What license can do what assignments?</li> <li>• STAR report</li> <li>• Advice on how to fix a licensure violation</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/districts/data-submissions/star/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/districts/data-submissions/star/</a>	Caren Custer	<a href="mailto:star.PELSB@state.mn.us">star.PELSB@state.mn.us</a>
Special Permissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-Field Permission (OFP)</li> <li>• Cross-Curricular Delivery Permission (CCDP)</li> <li>• Related Services needed in teaching positions</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/districts/permissions/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/districts/permissions/</a>	Jason Jensen	<a href="mailto:special.permission.PELSB@state.mn.us">special.permission.PELSB@state.mn.us</a>
Educator and Licensure Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Supply and Demand Report</li> <li>• Tiered Licensure Report</li> <li>• Teacher Preparation Program Report</li> <li>• Educator Employment Report</li> <li>• Staff License Lookup</li> </ul>	<a href="https://mn.gov/pelsb/board/reports/">https://mn.gov/pelsb/board/reports/</a>	Multiple PELSB Staff, dependent on specific data	<a href="mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us">pelsb@state.mn.us</a>

# Middle School Frameworks

The screenshot displays the Minnesota Department of Education website. At the top left is the logo with the text "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION". To the right is a search bar with the word "Search" inside. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: "About", "Students and Families", "Districts, Schools and Educators", "Data Center", and "Office of the Inspector General". A left sidebar contains a menu with "Career and Technical Education" expanded, listing "Programs and Support", "Program Approval", "Perkins V Legislation", "Policy and Funding", "Safety Guidance for CTE", "Career and Technical Education", "Teacher Licensing", "Data Reporting", "Advisory Committees and Partnerships", "Middle School CTE Resources", and "New CTE Teachers". Below this is a "Contact" section for Michelle Kamenov. The main content area shows the breadcrumb "MDE > Districts, Schools and Educators > Career and Technical Education > Middle School CTE Resources" and the heading "Middle School CTE Resources". The text describes resources from national organizations and lists best practices: equitable access, career clusters, standards-based courses, experiential learning, integration across K-12, and employer engagement. It also mentions "Minnesota Middle School Frameworks" with links for "Field-Specific CTE Courses" and "Common CTE Modules". An image of a student in a kitchen is shown with a caption: "Middle school career exploration and development is important for high school and post-high school success." Below the image are sections for "Related MDE resources" (Minnesota Personal Learning Plans) and "Related offsite resources" (Broadening the Path: Design, Principles for Middle Grades CTE, Career Exploration and Assessment).

- Two types of modules:
  - General
  - Program-specific
- Used by all middle school CTE teachers

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/ms/>

# CDL Resource



- Obtaining a MN CDL
- CDL requirements
- Resources

# Consumer vs Professional Grade

## Consumer

- Light to moderate use
- Lacks advanced functionalities
- No industry-specific safety and performance
- No specialized industry application
- Limited customization

## Professional Grade

- Withstands heavy use
- Reflects current industry technology
- Meets safety, performance, & regulatory standards
- Relevant to specific field of study
- Scalable to different levels of training

# Consumer vs Professional Grade Cont.

## Consumer

- Limited customization
- Basic customer service
- Lack advanced safety protections
- Low cost, used for light or individual use
- Limited warranties & fewer repair options

## Professional Grade

- Manufacturer support & training
- Best safety features
- Higher cost & durability
- Parts available & extended warranties

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## Perkins V Legislation

The *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act of 2018*, also known as *Perkins V*, was designed to improve and expand high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that meet both student and employer needs. It maintains a strong focus on academic rigor in CTE programs, while also emphasizing development of technical skills and employability skills that prepare students to be career and college ready after graduation. Perkins V promotes stronger connections between secondary and postsecondary education through greater emphasis on Programs of Study (POS), and stronger connections between education and industry through greater emphasis on work-based learning (WBL) experiences and industry-recognized credentials.

Implementation of Perkins V ensures that career and technical education programs are an integral part of a well-rounded secondary education, meeting the needs of students and educational systems as part of Minnesota's "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) plan.

[Learn more about Minnesota's ESSA plan.](#)

Minnesota uses the consortium model of secondary and postsecondary partnerships to facilitate allocation of Perkins V federal grant funds intended to spur innovation and support programs of study aligned with high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations or industries. In order to access Perkins grant funds, local school districts must have [approved CTE programs](#) taught by appropriately-licensed CTE teachers. As part of the development of consortia Perkins plans, each consortia conducts a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) which guides the development of their two-year consortia plans and priorities. [Access the CLNA Reporting Framework.](#) Teachers and administrators seeking assistance with compliance issues related to Perkins V implementation are encouraged to [contact their consortium leaders.](#)

Resources provided below will provide information and guidance for understanding the Perkins V legislation and its implications.

[Consumer versus Professional Grade Equipment](#) - 8/5/24

Explanation of the differences between consumer grade and professional grade equipment to assist teachers and administrators with selection of tools and equipment for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

[Secondary Equipment, Curriculum and Approved Uses of Perkins V Funds](#) - 8/29/22

Information about procedures for equipment acquisition, curriculum and other Career and Technical Education (CTE) student support activities with secondary Perkins funding.

[Secondary Perkins Equipment/Curriculum Request Form](#) - 7/25/22

Form used by Perkins Consortia to submit requests for use of Perkins funds for allowable equipment and curriculum resources.

[Perkins Equipment Request Form Completion Tips](#) - 6/24/22

Handout to assist Perkins Consortia Leaders with proper completion of the Equipment/Curriculum Request Form.

[General Guidance for Perkins V Local Uses of Funds](#) - 7/28/21

Description of criteria for approved and unallowable uses of Perkins V funds.



Career Technical Education Classes Provide Hands-On Learning Experiences

Related offsite resources:

[Minnesota State - Career Technical Education](#)

[Minnesota State - Perkins Consortia Resources \(map, handbook, more\)](#)

[Minnesota State Plan – Federal Perkins Grant](#)

[U.S. Department of Education](#)



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# Ongoing & Potential Projects



- **Student-Built Structures**
- T&I Basics
- More Students in T&I

# MDE Trade & Industry Page Resources

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- Manufacturing accounts for the largest share of the state's gross domestic product (14 percent), and employs 324,000 workers.
- The transportation and warehousing sector employs 105,670 people—up 25 percent since 2010.
- In 2019, 144,575 workers were employed in the construction sector. Construction is projected to grow 8.9 percent by 2026.
- Informational Technology (IT) companies operate statewide across all industries and Minnesota is a growing hub for data centers, financial technology (fintech), and the Internet of Things (IoT).

## Professional Development:

[Trade and Industry Professional Development Calendar - 8/30/23](#)

Calendar of professional development opportunities for teachers of Trade and Industry programs.

+ Career Exploration

+ Frameworks and Standards

+ Program Approval and Equipment Requests

+ Trade and Industry Newsletter Archive

[Minnesota Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Safety Manual](#)

[Career and Technical Education Teacher Licensing](#)

## Related offsite resources:

[Department of Employment and Economic Development \(DEED\) Data Center](#)

[Department of Labor & Industry--Construction and Skilled Trades Career Counseling Resources](#)

[International Technology and Engineering Education Association \(ITEEA\)](#)

[Midwest Teachers of Transportation and Industrial Areas \(MTTIA\)](#)

[Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(DEED\)--Job Skills Transfer Assessment Tool \(JOBSTAT\)](#)

[Minnesota Technology and Engineering Educators Association \(MTEEA\)](#)

[Project Lead the Way](#)

[SkillsUSA Minnesota](#)

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/prog/ind/>

# MDE Resources Specific to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

- [Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources \(mn.gov\)](https://mn.gov)
  - My contact information
  - Updates
  - Helpful links – safety manual, partners, frameworks, and more.



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### Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

**Update: September 2024** Personal Finance Guidance Document Available for Public Feedback

The Personal Finance Working Group has put their guidance recommendations together, and the draft of the guidance is now available for public review and feedback starting on September 6, 2024, and closing on September 23, 2024. The finalized plan will be available later this fall.

**How to Provide Feedback on the Guidance:**

1. Review the 2024 Personal Finance Guidance draft.
2. Share your thoughts. We encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns through the [online feedback survey](#).
3. Help us spread the word. Help us reach more stakeholders by sharing this information with your colleagues, friends, and community members. The more voices we hear, the stronger and more inclusive the guidance will be.

#### Program Overview

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource (AFNR) Career Cluster provides students with opportunities for leadership, personal growth and career success. Instruction is delivered through:

1. Classroom/laboratory instruction (rigorous contextual learning, academic skills).
2. Supervised agricultural experience programs (relevant work-based learning; technical skills).
3. FFA or student leadership activities (relationship development through a Career and Technical Student Organization; social/leadership skills).

Agricultural Education programs are preparing the next generation of problem-solvers, leaders, and agriculturalists through relevant, engaging curriculum and real-life experiences. It includes the science, business, and technology of plant and animal production and environmental and natural resources systems management.

Work involves planning, managing, performing tasks and conserving resources in these areas:

- Agricultural production, plant and landscaping services, and related professional and technical services.
- Mining and extraction operations.
- Natural resources, environmental services.
- Agribusiness and related technical systems.

**Did you know?**

- Minnesota's agricultural industry is the second largest employer and economic sector in Minnesota.
- Every agricultural production job supports an additional 1.5 jobs in all economic sectors.
- More than 80 percent of all agriculture jobs are off the farm.
- From 2010-2015, the U.S. economy generated 54,400 agriculture-related jobs for students with baccalaureate or higher degrees in food, renewable energy, and environmental specialties. Only 55,500 graduates will be available to fill these positions.
- Today, less than 2 percent of the U.S. population is engaged in production agriculture, providing food for the entire world. The world population is expected to double by 2050, and the same amount of land used today will need to supply food for this growing number of people.

#### Minnesota Career and Technical Education Resources

**Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Frameworks**

The agriculture, food and natural resources (AFNR) Career Cluster Content Standards provide agricultural educators with a high-quality, rigorous set of standards to guide what students should know and be able to do after completing a program of study in each of the AFNR career pathways. Strong, relevant AFNR Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that are informed by industry and education stakeholders are one way we can meet workforce needs now and in the future.

- [00] Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Frameworks Introduction
- [01] AFNR Cluster-Wide Frameworks - Industry Standards
- [02] AFNR Cluster-Wide Frameworks - Leadership Standards
- [03] AFNR Cluster-Wide Frameworks - Supervised Agricultural Experience
- [04] Animal Systems Frameworks
- [05] Plant Systems Frameworks
- [06] Natural Resource and Environmental Service Systems Frameworks
- [07] Power, Structural and Technical Systems Frameworks
- [08] Agribusiness Systems Frameworks
- [09] Food Products and Processing Systems Frameworks
- [10] Biotechnology Systems Frameworks
- All AFNR Frameworks

**Related MDE resources:**

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Credit Equivalency
- Minnesota Career and Technical Education (CTE) Safety Manual
- SSE Guidance for Schools

**Related office resources:**

- Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Data Center
- Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC)
- Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE)
- Minnesota FFA Association
- Minnesota Teach Ag Ed
- Minnesota AFNR Teacher Job Opening
- Teacher Education in Agricultural Education at Southwestern Minnesota State University
- Teacher Education in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- Teacher Education in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota - Crookston

**Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Professional Development Calendar - 9/11/24**

Calendar of professional development opportunities for teachers of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources programs.



# Programs of Study & Program Approval

# MDE Programs vs. Programs of Study



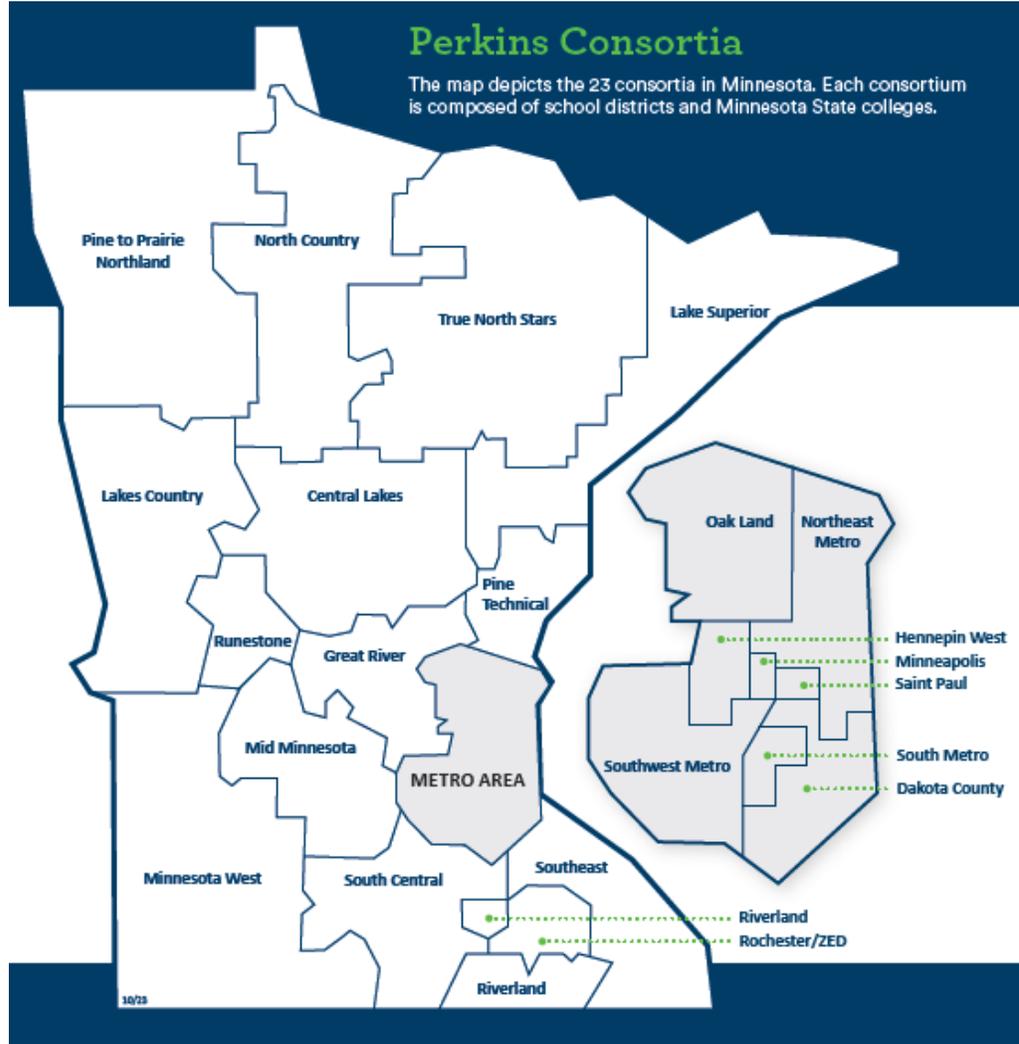
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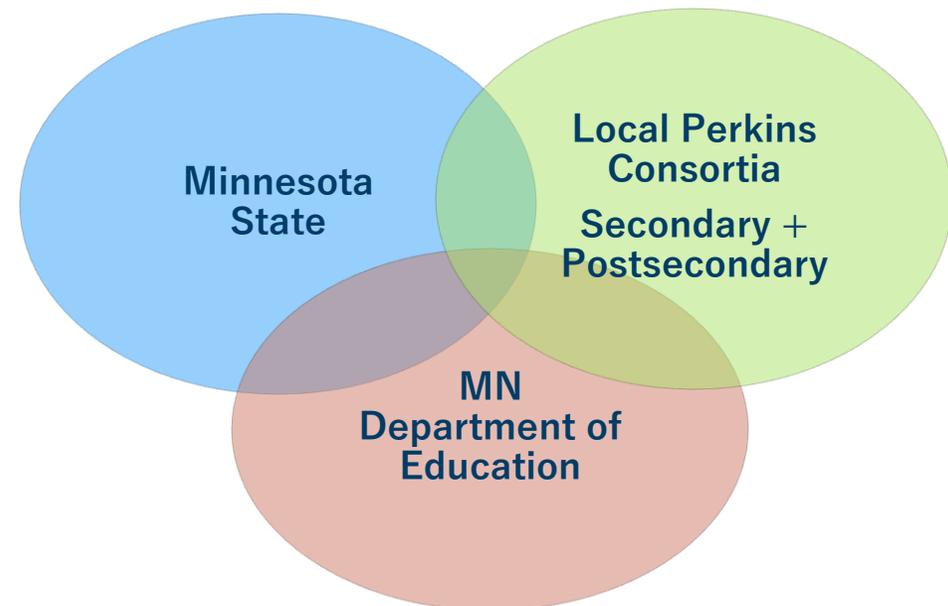


<https://www.minnstate.edu/system/cte/programs/index.html>

# Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Perkins V



- We are in Perkins V now
- CLNA – Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment
- New Performance measures



# Focus of Statewide Work—Aligning to Workforce Needs

- Analyze Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA)
  - What are the local/regional workforce needs?
  - Do our programs offer courses/pathways to meet those needs?
- Utilize RealTime Talent Research Data
  - Regional workforce trend reports
  - <http://www.realtimentalent.org/research-2/cte-pathways/>
- Talk to your Advisory Committee!

## 5 Elements of Program Approval:\*

1. Program Design
  - Student Leadership Development
  - Career Exploration & Experiential Learning
  - Safety Practices, Training, and Assessment
2. Appropriately-licensed CTE Teacher
3. Two or more non-duplicative courses in each program
4. Advisory Committee
5. Acknowledgement of Statement of Assurances



*\*Compliance based on statute*

# Program Approval Resources

## AFNR

<https://www.mnffa.org/teacher-resources>



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**MAELC**  
Minnesota Agricultural Education  
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### TEACHER RESOURCES

[Minnesota FFA Weekly Update Emails](#)

**Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources Education 101:**

- [Three Components of School-Based Ag, Food, & Nat. Resources Edu. \(AFNR\)](#)
- [AFNR 101 and FAQ](#)
- [Ag Teacher's Manual](#)
- [2021 AFNR Fact Sheet](#)

**MDE Trainings and Recommended Resources:**

**Program Approval**

- [MDE AFNR Program Approval Webinar and Resources](#)
  - [AFNR Approved Course List - "Table C" \(2021\)](#)

**AFNR Standards**

- [Minnesota AFNR Frameworks \(State AFNR Standards and Laws\)](#)
- [National Quality Program Standards \(NQPS\)](#)

**Academic Standards, Graduation Credit Equivalency, and College Credits**

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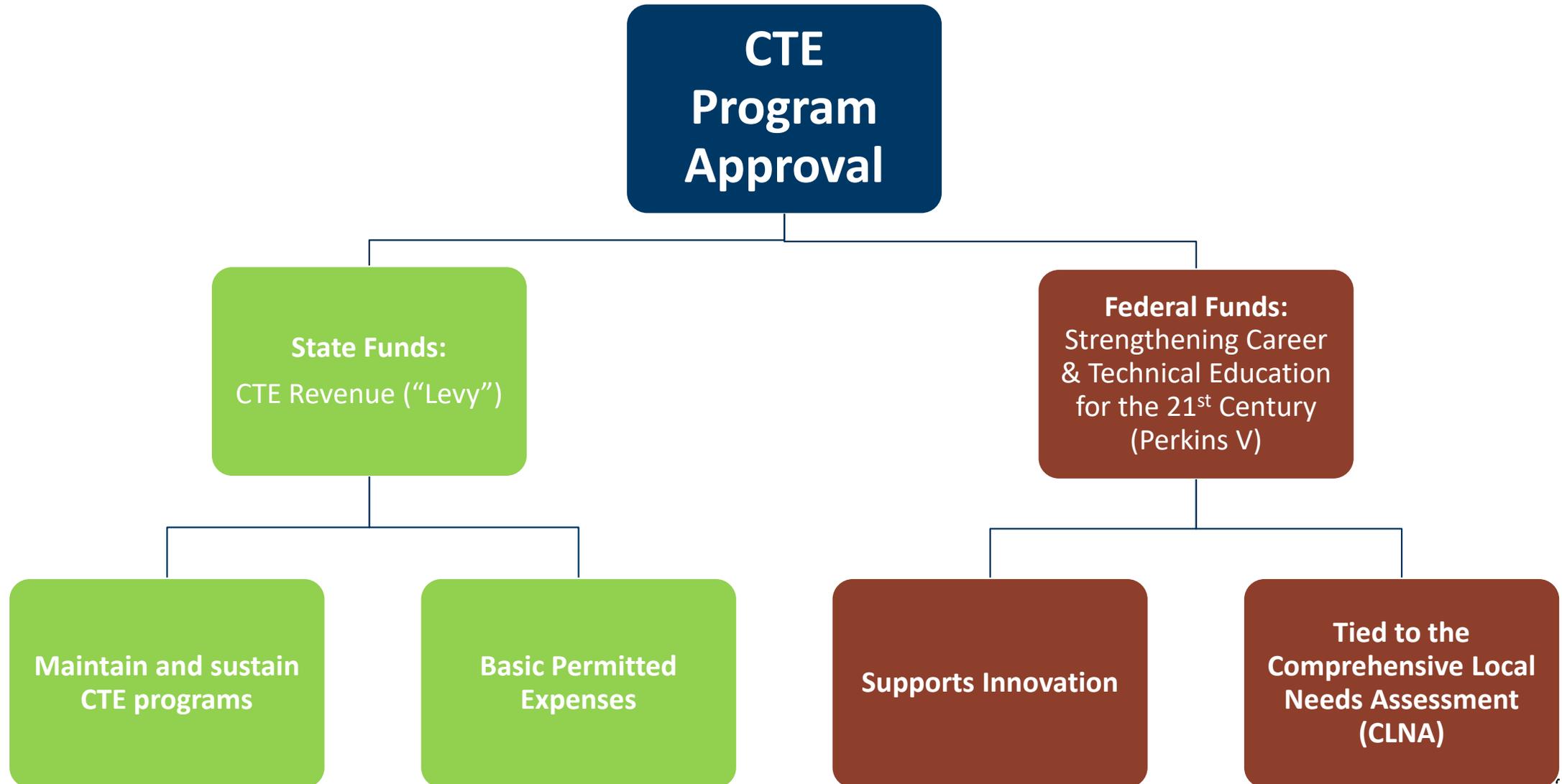
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# Funding Connected to Program Approval



# Funding Options for CTE

## Perkins V – Federal Funding

- Requested through Perkins consortium
- Equipment/Professional Development

## CTE Levy Funding – State Funding

- 35% reimbursement for eligible expenditures
  - Teacher Salaries
  - Instructional CTE Supplies

# Compliance vs Continuous Improvement

- State requires compliance to minimum standards
- Elements can also help districts address continuous improvement
  - Existing and new courses align with local workforce needs data
  - Course sequences encourage concentrators in career pathways
  - Strong instructional practices, objectives aligned with Frameworks



## Secondary Program Continuous Improvement Rubric

From the [Minnesota State-Recognized Programs of Study User Guide](#)

A collaboration between Minnesota State and Minnesota Department of Education

### Overview

Minnesota has developed a rubric to be used by school districts in conjunction with local continuous improvement efforts for their secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. This rubric is intended for use as part of annual, ongoing continuous improvement efforts of each secondary CTE program to identify program strengths as well as areas of potential improvement in the development of quality programs of study (POS). Continuous improvement is a collaborative effort which should involve many program stakeholders and review of a variety of materials to identify the current state of performance in each of the rubric components.

### Purpose of Reflection on Continuous Improvement

Annual use of this rubric is intended to provide several benefits in the improvement of CTE programs toward developing quality CTE programs of study.

- Pick a meaningful place to start and set reasonable expectations for improving your program.
- Identify and articulate priorities for setting short-term and long-term goals.
- Identify professional development needs.
- Clearly articulate to stakeholders the current status of your secondary CTE program, components you would like to strengthen, and resources needed.
- Highlight collaboration and engagement opportunities.

### Process

The Continuous Improvement Rubric is a tool that is to be used internally by school districts to provide context to the strengths and opportunities of their MDE-approved secondary CTE programs.

- A review should be conducted annually using this rubric to identify and influence improvements made to secondary CTE programs.
- Local CTE leaders should complete the rubric with input from a wide range of stakeholders (program faculty, teachers, staff, administrators).
- Results from this process should shape how local CTE leaders identify planning and budgeting priorities for CTE program of study improvement.

# Program Rubric

- Tool for annual, ongoing continuous improvement
- 11 elements to assess
- 3 Levels of Development
  - Exemplary
  - Quality
  - Emerging

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**Contact**

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## Program Approval

Districts, Cooperatives, and Charter Schools need to submit a Program Approval Form to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) if they are:

- Applying for a new program,
- Making updates to an existing program, such as course additions or revisions, or
- A district within a Perkins V consortium that is up for five-year program renewal.

The programs and courses listed within your district's Program Approval Database are the programs and courses that you will report to MDE in your P-file (Perkins data submission). Find more information about program approvals and your data submission below.

[Building Effective Advisory Committees](#) - 4/22/22

Guidance on effective CTE advisory committees, which are a required component of CTE program approval.

[Program Approval Checklist and Timeline](#) - 3/17/23

Overview of the CTE program approval process. Document includes specific preparation suggestions as well as a sample district timeline.

[Program Approval Database](#) - 4/5/23

This Career and Technical Education (CTE) file displays programs approved under Minnesota Rule 3505.

[Program Approval Form](#) - 3/21/23

Complete this Program Approval application form as part of the five-year approved program review cycle or if your district is seeking approval for a new program.

[Program Approval Revision/Amendment Form](#) - 4/4/23

Complete the Amendment form any time there is a teacher and course change to an existing state-approved CTE program. Amendments are processed throughout the year, however, course amendments will only be publicly updated to the Program Approval Database annually each Spring.

[Table C](#) - 4/5/23

List of all Career and Technical Education Programs, Courses, and Teacher Licensure requirements for Minnesota's program approval and data collection.



The MDE Program Approval Process Ensures Quality Programs For Students

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**Related MDE resources:**

[Data Submission](#)



## Important Reminder!

All completed application materials should be submitted to the MDE Program Approval mailbox

(do NOT send directly to the Program Specialist!)

**[mde.cte.program.approval@state.mn.us](mailto:mde.cte.program.approval@state.mn.us)**

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# Program Approval Guide

## Provide step-by-step instructions

- Go through each tab of spreadsheet
- Includes sample form examples
- Chart of program codes and corresponding teacher licenses
- Alternative evidence examples



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New courses or teachers can be added  
anytime

New programs can be added any year

## 5 Elements of Program Approval:\*

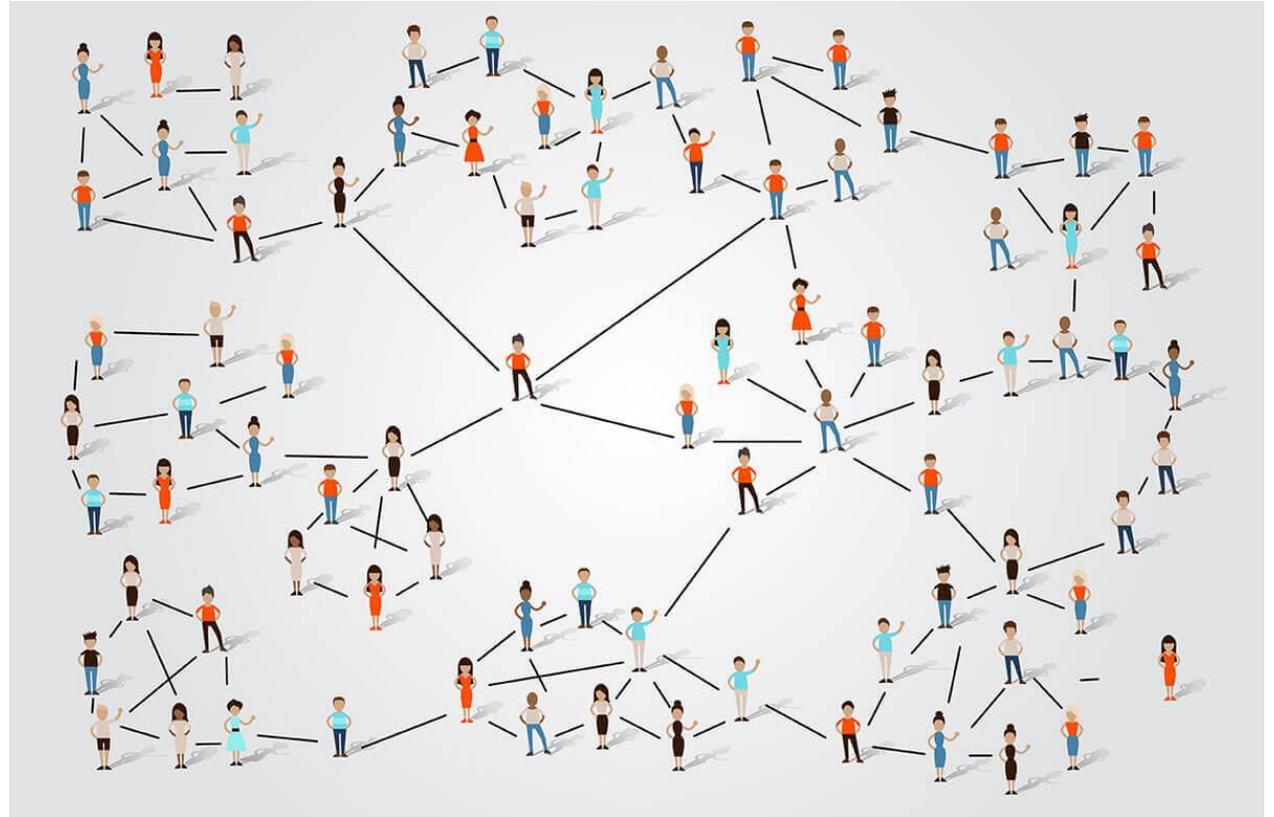
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  - Career Exploration & Experiential Learning
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2. Appropriately-licensed CTE Teacher
3. Two or more non-duplicative courses in each program
4. **Advisory Committee**
5. Acknowledgement of Statement of Assurances

*\*Compliance based on statute*

# Advisory Committee Members - Where do I find them?

People you already know –

- School staff
- Vendors or to current partners
- Committee referrals
- Parents/Formers students
- Personal contacts





- Career outreach groups
- Chamber of Commerce
- Trade Associations
- Post-secondary partners



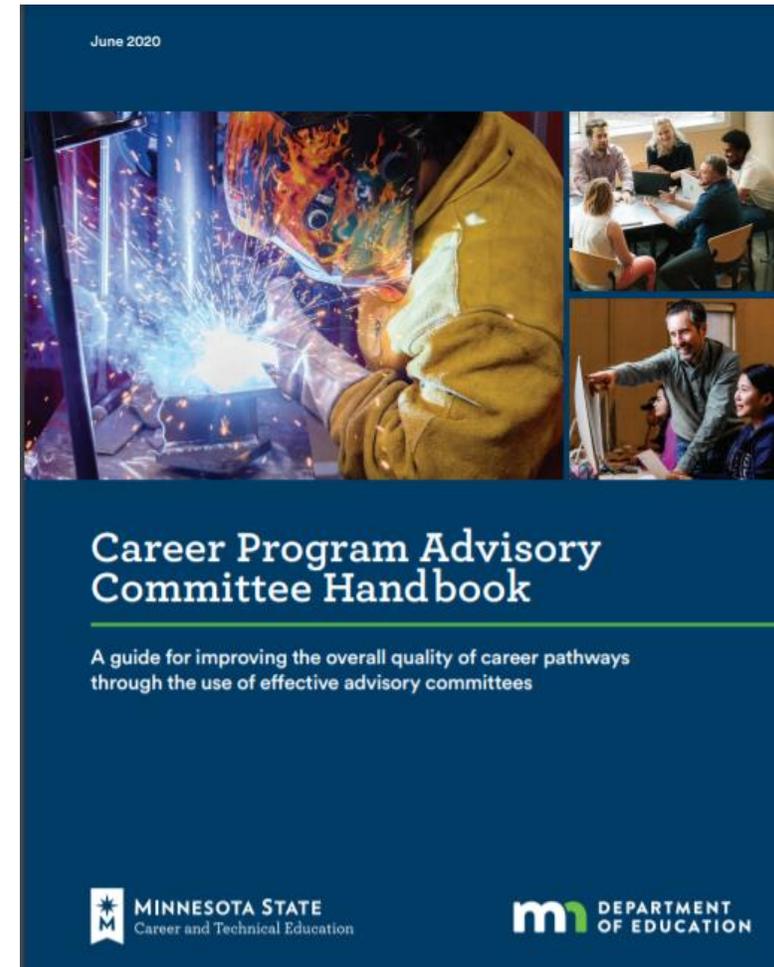
# They have connections they can share with you



# Putting It All Together

## *Career Program Advisory Committee Handbook*

- Advisory Committee Basics
- Recruiting Members
- Managing Your Advisory Committee
- Goal Setting and Planning



# Student Leadership & Career Exploration

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# What is the difference?

## Student Leadership

- Student-directed experiences
- Builds employability skills
  - Problem solving
  - Critical thinking
  - Communication skills
  - Teamwork
  - Research skills
  - Creativity
  - Innovation

## Career Exploration/Experiential Learning

- Learn about potential career pathways
- Network with industry professionals
- Understand work culture/environment
- Discover interests and abilities
- Determine strategic plan for professional goals

# Types of Student Leadership Options

## CTSO:

(Career and Technical Student Organization)



## Other Organizations:

- FIRST/VEX Robotics
- Supermileage
- Engineering Challenges
- Drone Racing
- Solar Regatta
- Etc.

## Other Methods:

- Student-led assistance or training
- Rotating team leaders/foreperson
- Class Mentoring
- In-school skill competitions
- Community projects

## Career Exploration Process

Step 1: Engage in Self-Assessment

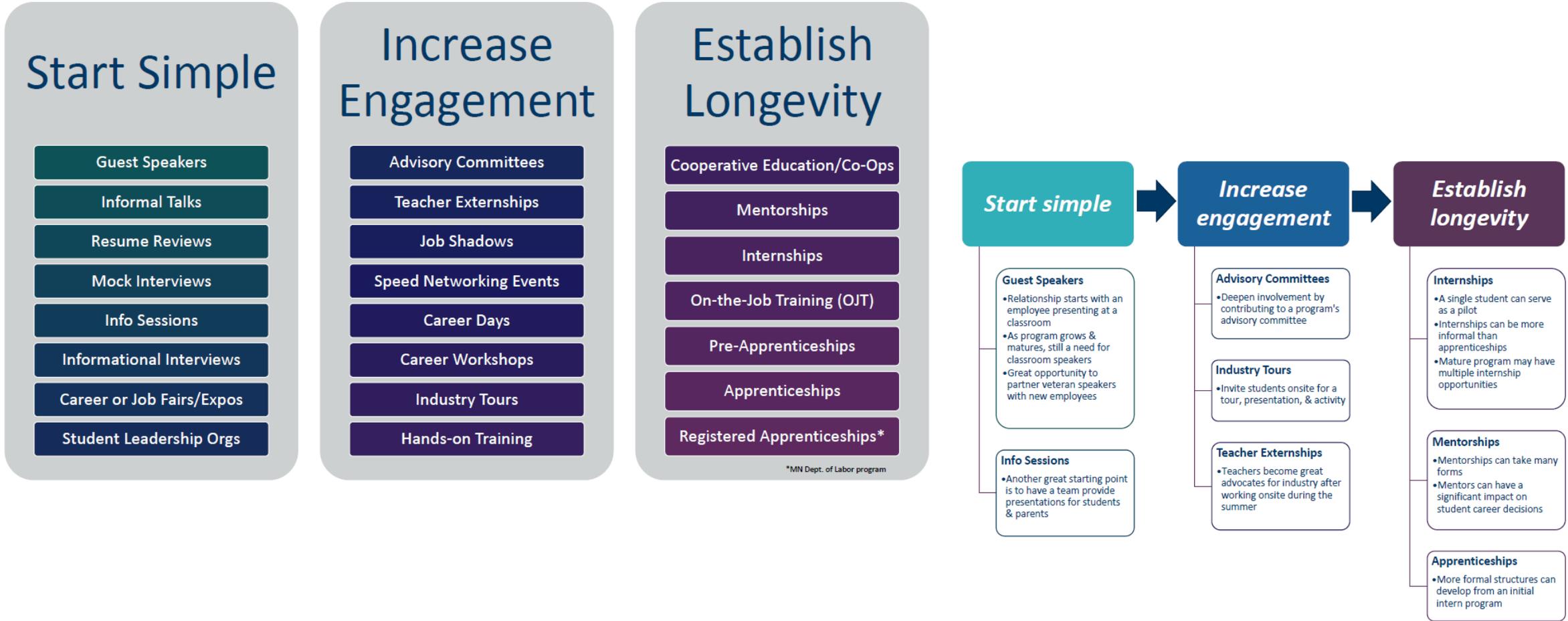
Step 2: Evaluate Majors and Careers

Step 3: Research Careers

Step 4: Gain Experience 

<https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/career-services/students/careerexploration/>

# Industry Engagement & Career Exploration



# Program Approval Elements



## Trade and Industry Reference Documents

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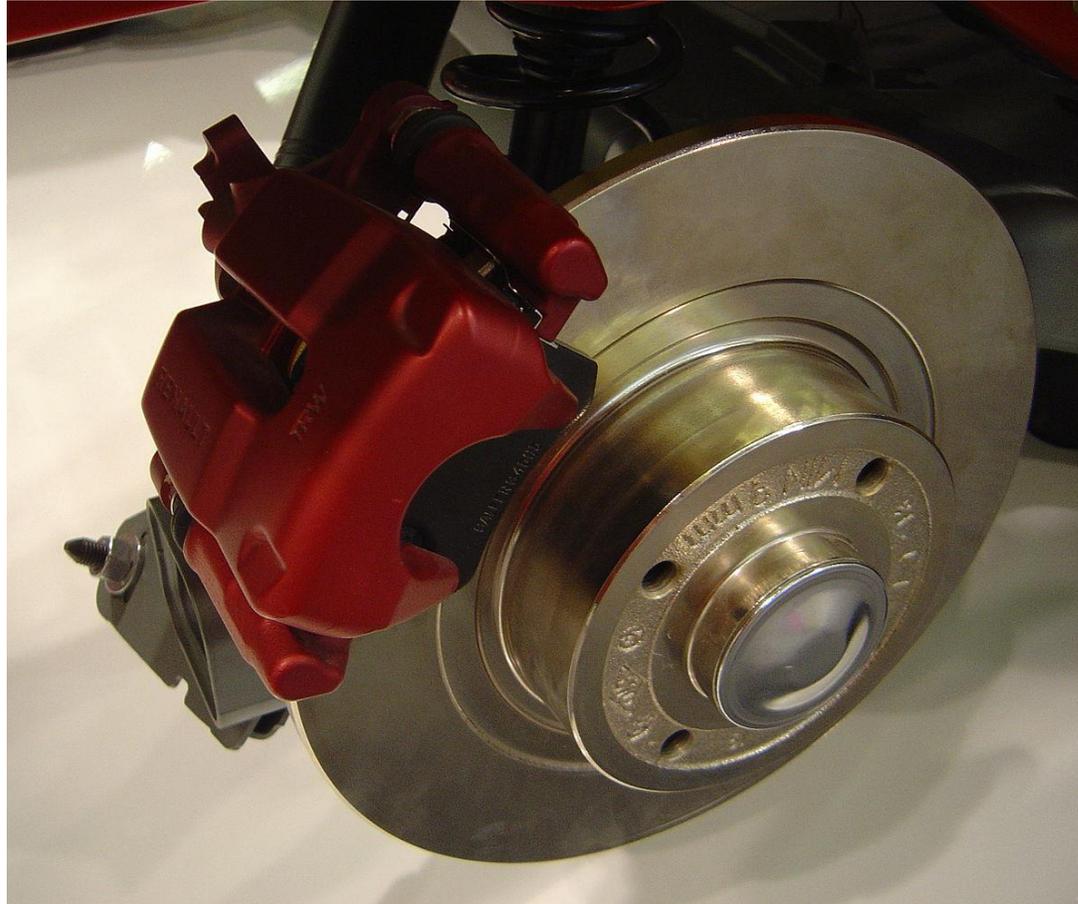
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  - Student Leadership
  - Career Exploration
  - Safety Instruction and Assessment
  - Advisory Committees/Industry Engagement
  - Course Syllabi
    - Suggested elements
    - Syllabus samples
- Compliance vs Continuous Improvement

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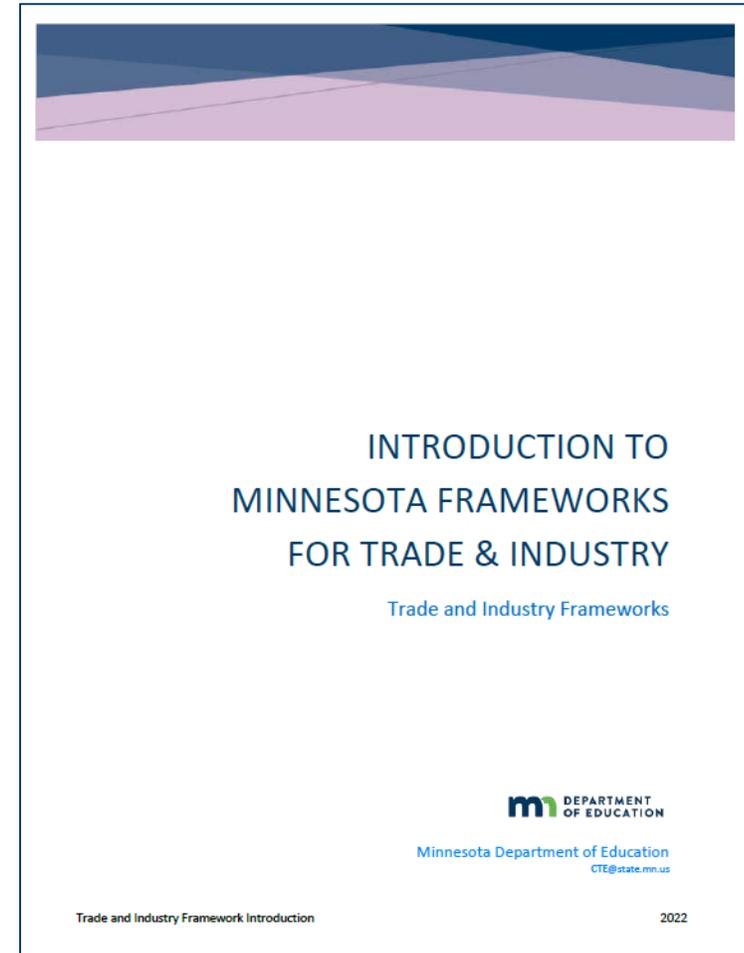




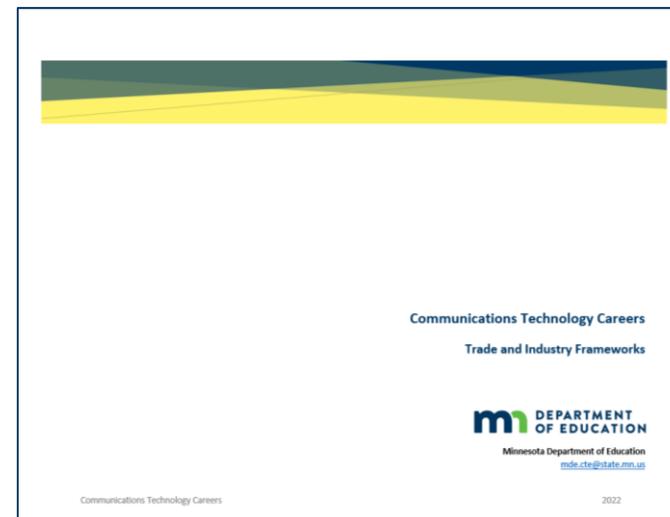
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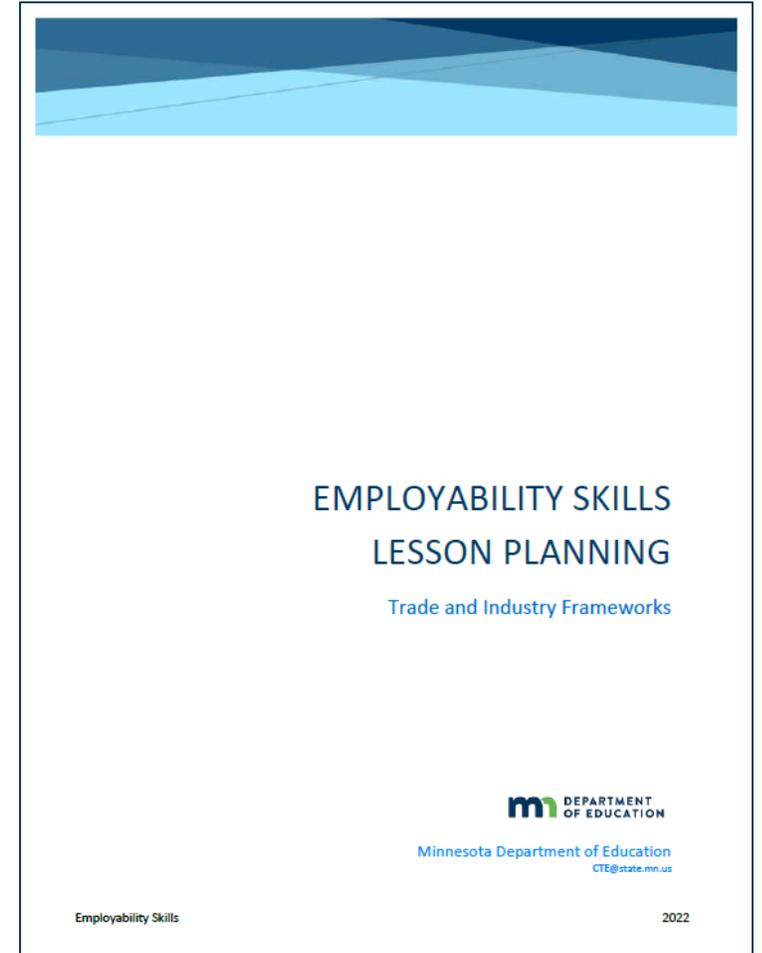
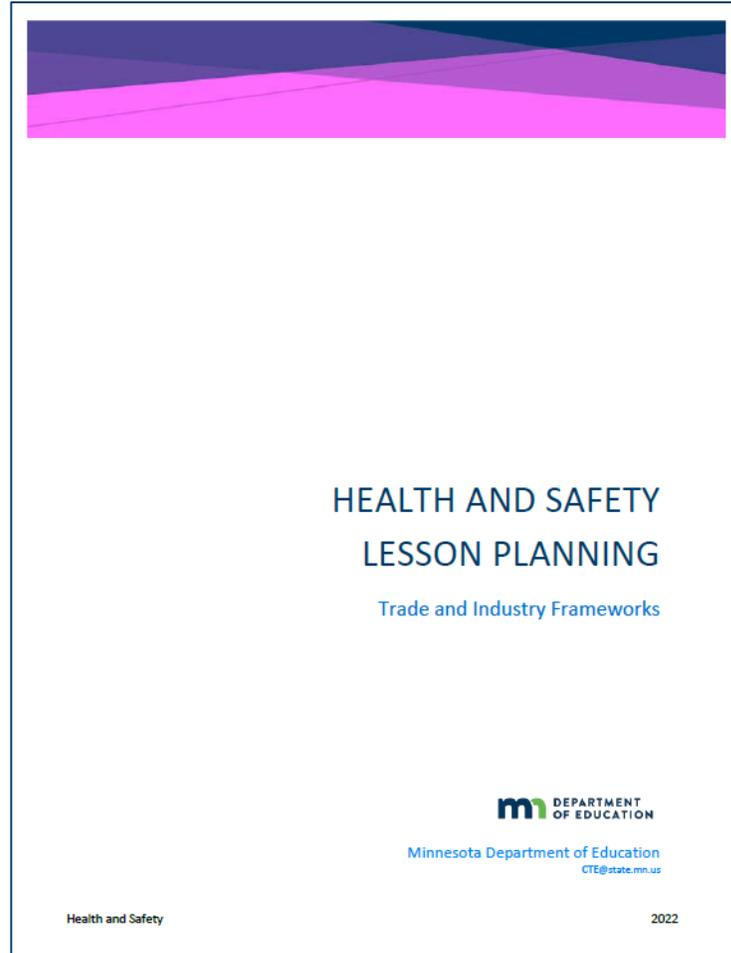
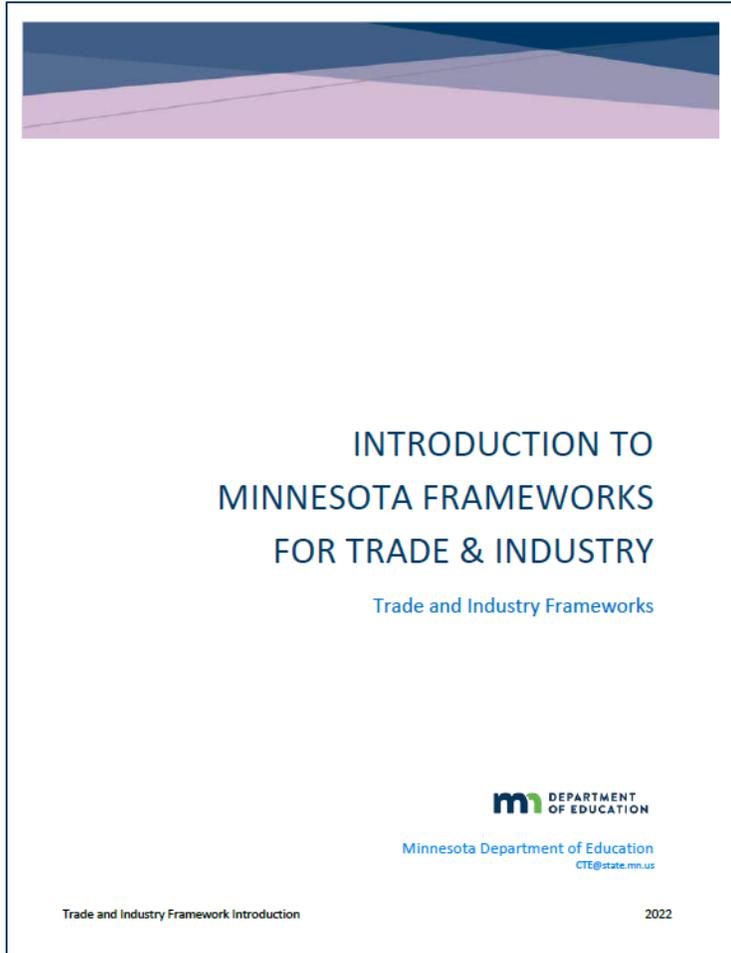
- “Standards” for elective areas!
- Guides to develop new courses or modify existing ones
- Standards
  - Performance Indicators
  - Benchmarks
  - Learning Targets



# Trade & Industry Frameworks



# Trade & Industry Framework Supports



# MDE Resources Specific to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

- [Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources \(mn.gov\)](https://mn.gov)
  - My contact information
  - Updates
  - Helpful links – safety manual, partners, frameworks, and more.

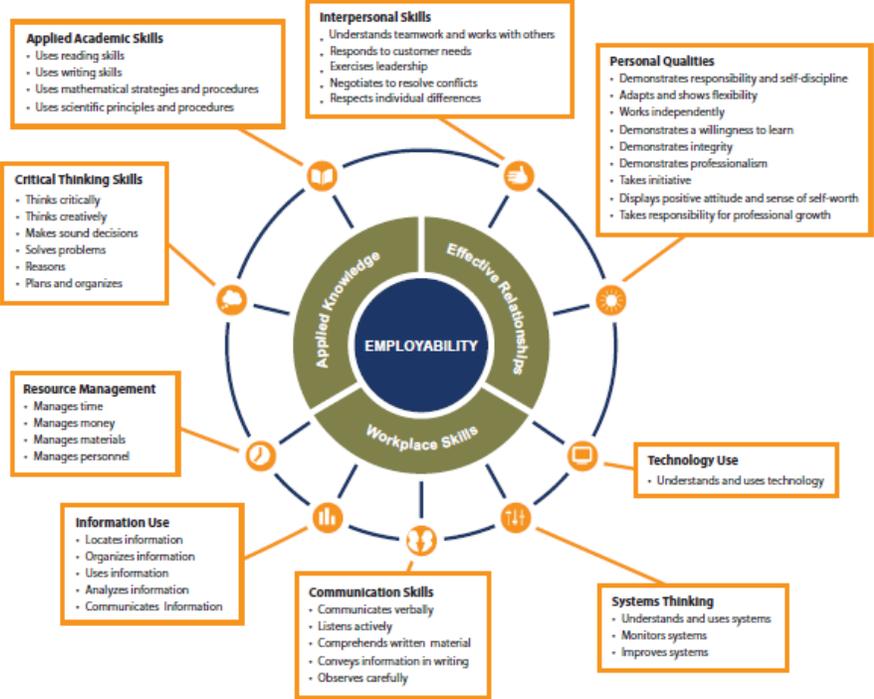


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# Employability and Health & Safety Skills

## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK

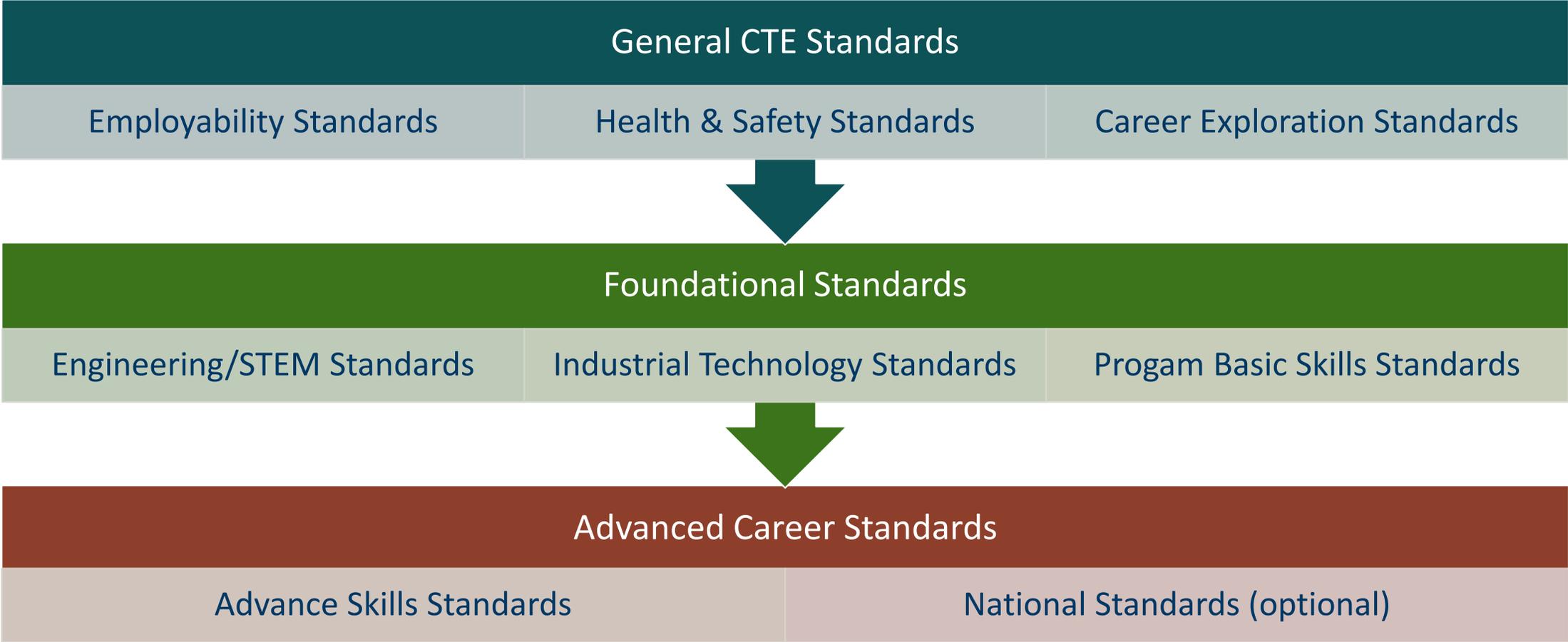
**Employability Skills: A Crucial Component of College and Career Readiness**  
 Individuals require many skills to be college and career ready, including academic knowledge, technical expertise, and a set of general, cross-cutting abilities called "employability skills."



### Health and Safe Environments: Safety Practices Lesson Plan Components

Category	Component	Included in Lesson Plan: Yes or No?	Notes
<b>Culture of Safety</b> A shared perception, belief, value, and attitude that combine to create a commitment to safety and an effort to minimize harm.	<b>Safety Responsibility</b> Students take actions to ensure the safety of self and others, in accordance with established personal and jobsite safety practices.		
	<b>Preventative Action</b> Students anticipate and prevent work-related injuries and illnesses.		

# Progression of Standards



## + Career Exploration

### Frameworks and Standards

## Minnesota Trade and Industry Frameworks

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- [ASE \(Automotive Service Excellence\) Foundation](#)
- [AWS \(American Welding Association\)](#)
- [CSTA \(Computer Science Teachers Association\)](#)

[Construction and Skilled Trades Career Counseling Resources](#)

[International Technology and Engineering Education Association \(ITEEA\)](#)

[Midwest Teachers of Transportation and Industrial Areas \(MTTIA\)](#)

[Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(DEED\)--Job Skills Transfer Assessment Tool \(JOBSTAT\)](#)

[Minnesota Technology and Engineering Educators Association \(MTEEA\)](#)

[Project Lead the Way](#)

[SkillsUSA Minnesota](#)

[St. Cloud State University Department of Technology Education](#)

[Trades Hub](#)



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<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/prog/ind/>



## What is the Ideal Syllabus?

# Syllabus vs Evidence

## Syllabus Elements:

1. Course Description
2. Standards Addressed
3. Course Outline
4. **Safety Instruction!**
5. Student Leadership
6. Career Exploration/Experiential Learning

## Other Evidence:

1. SkillsUSA Chapter Guide/POW (Program of Work)
2. Meeting Agendas
3. Safety Handbook/Tests
4. Articulation agreements

# Why do I need a syllabus?

*A well written syllabus sets the tone for the class!*

- Good to share with state...
- But more important to share with –
  - Students and Parents
  - School Administration
  - Industry Partners and Community

# What do we want to share with the world?



# How do we want to present our program?



Is there a more effective way to do it?



# What should I include in a syllabus?



What do I put in?

What do I leave out?

# Sample Syllabus Format

## Trade & Industry Sample Syllabus

Course Title:

Program Code:  Course Code:

Course Registration Number (optional item, use for local enrollment catalog number):

Grade Level:  Prerequisites:

Articulated Agreements, and/or Dual Credit Opportunities:

*Note: It's important to list this on the syllabus because even though it may not currently qualify for articulation or dual credit it can start the conversation to lead to such opportunities. Perhaps an administrator or instructor didn't even know this was an option for example.*

Technical Skill Assessment:

*Note: Again, another important item to list as it may not be required, but can lead to discussion among stakeholders and industry partners.*

Course Description:

- This format is only an example
- Suggested fields reflect MDE interest for Program Approval
  - Areas of review
  - Evidence for program/course
- Districts can use any format

# General Information

- Use title listed in district catalogue
- Connect to MDE program/course codes
- List other elements included in district catalogue

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# Additional Information

## Postsecondary credits

- Articulate credit
- Concurrent credit

## Technical Skill Assessment and/or Industry Credential

### Examples:

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- ASE (Automotive Service Excellence)
- CompTIA IT Fundamentals

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# General course description and standards

## Course Description:

***Note:** Course descriptions are typically done in paragraph form and give a broad overview of the course. It's important to include career pathway information, experiential learning opportunities and relevant career planning information. Career exploration is a required component of work experience career seminar courses.*

## CTE Frameworks, Local or National Standards, Benchmarks:

## Course Description

- Table C & Frameworks
- Adapt to your actual course
- Don't forget career exploration!

## CTE Frameworks

- Check MN T&I Frameworks
- Consider National Standards
- List only what is important & relevant

# Questions about what to list

Do I need to list all the standards in an area?



Do I need to list  
Benchmarks &  
Learning Targets?



# How do I determine which standards?



Which standards?

Which benchmarks?

# How do I include frameworks into syllabi?

List major standards from general CTE areas:

- employability skills
- health & safety
- career exploration

# How do I include frameworks into syllabi?

List major standards from foundational areas:

- engineering/STEM
- industrial technology
- basic program skills

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List major standards for more advanced technical skill:

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## MN Trade & Industry Frameworks for Communications Technology

Performance Indicator/Standard	
Measures/Benchmarks	Learning Targets
<b>HS.03</b> Demonstrate Digital Citizenship	
HS.03.03 Engage in positive, safe, legal, and ethical behavior when using technology, including social interactions online or when using networked devices	3.3.2 Understand and utilize digital etiquette in online interactions
<b>HS.04</b> Observe and follow proper safety procedures	
HS.04.05 Uses equipment and tools safely. Completes safety training on pertinent equipment and applies safe operating procedures	4.5.5 Demonstrate the proper techniques when using tools and equipment
<b>CE.01</b> Integrate multiple sources of career information from diverse formats to make informed career decisions, solve problems, and manage personal career plans.	
CE.01.04 Research the scope of career opportunities available and the requirements for education, training, certification, and licensure.	1.4.1 Assess various career options including training costs, starting and average pay, and advancement opportunities.
<b>PH.01</b> Understand the history, evolution, and current trends of photography.	
PH.01.01 Investigate the role and development of photography in past and present cultures and current trends	1.1.2 Describe the significance of influential historical photographers
<b>PH.03</b> Understand the elements and principles of design and composition	
PH.03.01 Identify and apply the elements of design	3.1.3 Incorporate color, line, shape, texture, space, and value in photographs
PH.03.02 Identify and apply the principles of design	3.2.3 Incorporate principles of balance, contrast, rhythm, repetition, movement, variety, emphasis, and unity in photographs
PH.03.03 Identify and apply the guidelines for composition	3.3.3 Incorporate guidelines for composition (e.g., simplicity, rule of thirds, point of view, focal point, proportion/scale, and framing)
<b>PH.05</b> Implement digital workflow processes	
PH.05.02 Demonstrate editing techniques	5.2.1 Utilize selection tools and layer masks to manipulate specific parts of an image 5.2.3 Utilize use of layers in photo-editing software 5.2.5 Apply image adjustments (e.g., levels, curves, contrast)
<b>PH.06</b> Demonstrate competence in presentation techniques and portfolio development	
PH.06.01 Demonstrate knowledge in displaying printed images	6.1.2 Select work and present appropriately in an exhibition

# Sample Syllabus Standards

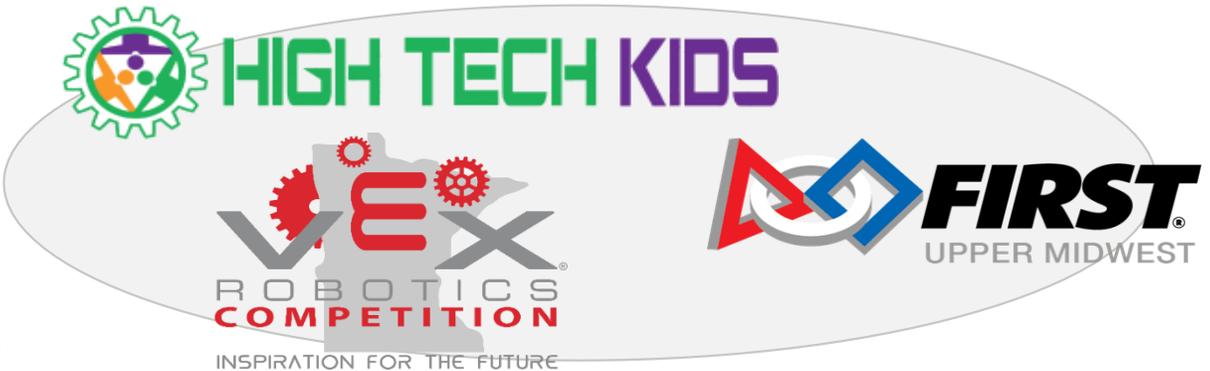
- HS.01 Maintain a healthy and safe environment
- HS.02 Foster personal safety
- HS.04 Observe and follow proper safety procedures
- CE.01 Integrate multiple sources of career information from diverse formats to make informed career decisions, solve problems, and manage personal career plans
- CB.01 Recognize the impact of financial, technical, environmental, and labor trends on the past and future of the construction industry
- CB.03 Apply fundamental design techniques
- CB.04 Perform general construction skills
- CB.05 Identify material properties and hardware
- CB.06 Demonstrate proper building and repair processes for all types of structures
- CB.11 Demonstrate career exploration and business skills

# Student Leadership



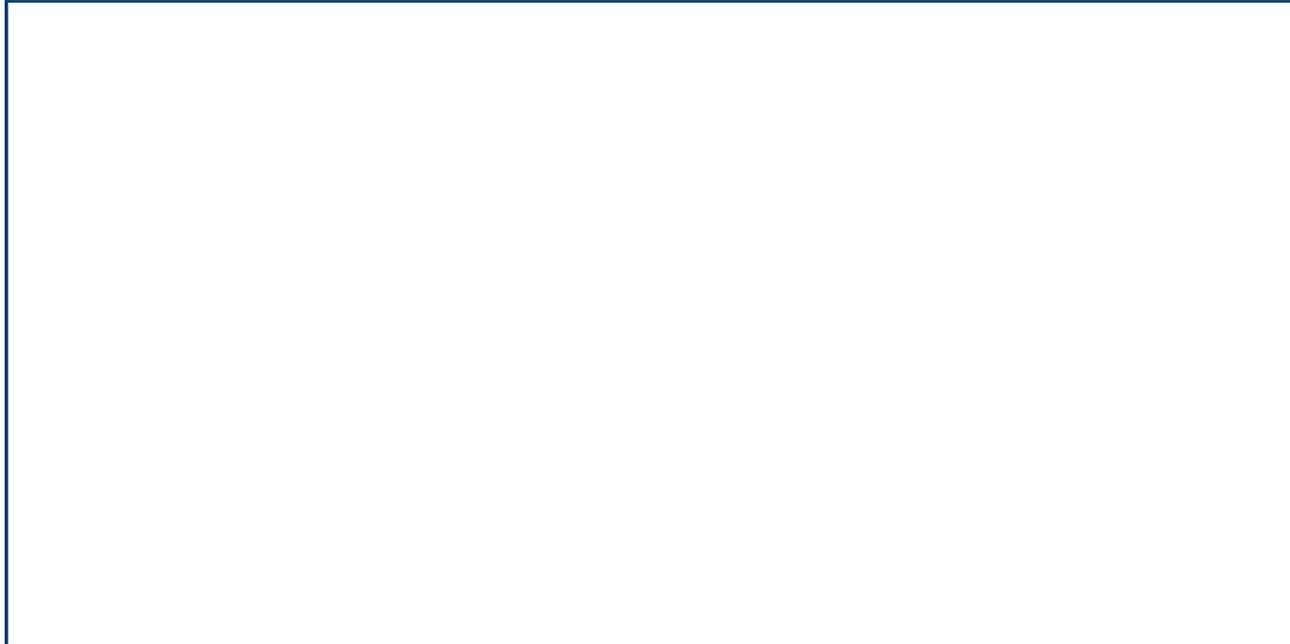
Student Leadership:

*Note: Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) or alternative leadership activities play an important role in helping to develop student leaders. Listing them in the syllabus helps students, parents and stakeholders know of these unique opportunities for student growth. They should align with information on the Program Approval form.*



# Course outline or schedule

Course Outline, Specific Goals and/or Outcomes for Learners:



**Note:** This is one of the most important of the syllabus. It's an opportunity to list learner outcomes in more detail and specificity. The course outline can be especially helpful to new instructors as it provides the overview needed to develop individual lesson plans. A timeline should be added to the outline to help with planning purposes and to help keep the class flowing in a timely manner.

- General plan of the course
  - Structure information in logical order
  - Tied to learning goals
  - Breaks down into subtopics
  - Guide for progression
  - Helps students know –
    - What the course is about
    - Where it is going
    - Why the course is taught
    - What is required

# Safety Instruction and Assessment

Minnesota Career and Technical Education (CTE)  
General Laboratory/Shop Safety Resource: Student Materials



Minnesota Career and Technical Education (CTE)  
General Laboratory/Shop Safety Resource: Student Materials 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.



Minnesota Career and Technical Education (CTE)  
General Laboratory/Shop Safety Resource: Instructor Materials 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.



## Safety Instruction for Lab/Shop:



**Note:** Safety is paramount in CTE courses that require the use of tools and machines. Best practices involve instructor discussion and demonstration followed by the student passing a written test as well as demonstrating for the instructor, proper tool/machine setup and use. It's important for the instructor to keep accurate records and to maintain copies of written safety tests on all students for as long as deemed appropriate by the school's insurance carrier. If the student is involved in any work-based learning or related work experience activities there needs to be shared responsibility between the instructor and the employer to make sure all child labor laws are being followed and enforced.

Clearly describe safety instruction and assessment:

For example, students need to -

- Pass safety tests 100% before using equipment
- Demonstrating safe practices to instructor before use
- Any other items that help in fully understanding the safety practices & instruction.

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## Safety Guidance for CTE

Safety plays a vital role in every Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. It is important to keep everyone safe in the CTE classroom and to properly prepare students with the best safety practices for when they enter the workforce.

The following resources can guide school districts in developing a culture of safety in their CTE programs and laboratories. Students, educators, administrators and industry professionals should consider use of these resources in developing and maintaining safe and effective, CTE environments and programs.

### [Minnesota Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Safety Manual:](#)

Guidance and sample documents related to career and technical education school laboratory and shop safety procedures.

### [Minnesota CTE Safety Student Curriculum - 7/10/24](#)

Specific safety practices, instruction, and study guides for students about general safety, hand tools, and a range of typical tools/equipment found in career and technical education laboratories and on project sites.

### [Safety Brief: Class Sizes - 12/14/23](#)

Guidance related to determining class size limits within Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.

### [Safety Brief: Subs in the Lab - 12/14/23](#)

Safety issues related to substitute teacher supervision of Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment.

### [Safety Brief: Modifying Safety Tests - 12/13/23](#)

Guidance related to modifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment safety tests for students with individual education plans (IEP).

### [Safety Brief: Machine Guarding - 12/13/23](#)

Guidance related to machine guarding in Career and Technical Education (CTE) labs.

### [Safety Brief: Business Education - 12/13/23](#)

Safety issues related to delivery of Business Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

### [Safety Brief: Shared Spaces - 12/13/23](#)

Safety issues related to sharing of Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab equipment and facilities.



Safety is emphasized in all aspects of CTE program delivery.

### Related MDE resources:

[Minnesota Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Safety Manual](#)



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<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/prog/ind/>

# Instructional Materials

Instructional Materials:



*Note: Listing the date of publication for instructional materials is helpful as most schools use a curriculum review cycle and this can help insure instructional materials are current.*

**Traditional resources:** Textbooks, reference books, etc.

**Graphic and interactive materials:** Charts, graphs, maps, multimedia, etc.

**Presentation items:** Lecture notes, etc.

**Tests and assessments:** Standardized tests, group projects, etc.

# District syllabus vs. special program approval syllabus?



Should I create a separate “MDE” syllabus?

- PELSB in charge of & makes decisions related to teacher licensure
  - MDE does NOT
- MDE provide information & guidance
- However, always confirm with PELSB!



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Terms no longer used...

“**Vocational license**” – replaced with “CTE License”

“**Variations**” – replaced with “Out-of-Field Permissions” and Tiered licenses

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## Trade and Industry License Information

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- Provide various license information
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  - Chart of program codes and corresponding teacher licenses
  - Portfolio options
  - CTE License FAQ
- **DOES NOT REPLACE OFFICIAL INFORMATION**

# Funding CTE Teacher Licensing

## Inventory of Funded Programs

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/cte/lic/>

- Created by MDE, OHE, & PELSB
- List of funded programs
  - Support and diversify CTE educator workforce
  - Living document edited & revised as appropriate

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### Diversifying the Teacher Workforce: Inventory of Funded Programs

#### Introduction

Educational research is clear that the most important school-based factor on student achievement is the effectiveness of the teacher (followed closely by the effectiveness of the school principal). Research also tells us that all students benefit from a racially diverse teaching workforce, and that students of color and American Indian students benefit even more. For example, in a [Learning Policy Institute research brief](#) published April 2018, Desiree Carver-Thomas summarizes the benefits of having teachers of color and American Indian teachers, including:

- Students of color experience boosts to academic performance, including reading and math test scores, graduation rates, and increased aspirations to attend college.
- Students of color experience socio-emotional and nonacademic benefits such as fewer unexcused absences, lower likelihoods of chronic absenteeism and suspension.
- Students of color and white students report having positive perceptions of their teachers of color, including feeling cared for and academically challenged.

In Minnesota, only 4 percent of our teacher workforce identify as a teacher of color or American Indian teacher (TOCAIT) whereas 34 percent of our students identify as students of color or American Indian students. As a state, we are working to increase and diversify the teacher workforce while supporting and retaining the teachers we have.

This document is a summary of available funded programs that could be leveraged to diversify the teacher workforce at local levels. Some programs are explicitly about diversifying the teacher workforce (e.g., Grow Your Own grants); whereas other programs include teacher workforce efforts as an allowable activity (e.g., Federal Title IIa). Readers will also find links to more information about the programs as well as contact information for the state agencies responsible for administration and support of these efforts.

We encourage local leaders to explore these funded programs as part of a broader conversation to diversify local educators as well as to support and retain the educators you have.

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## Program Approval

Districts, Cooperatives and Charter Schools need to submit an application for Program Approval to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) if they are:

- Applying for a new program, or
- A district within a Perkins V consortium that is up for five-year program renewal, or
- Making updates to an existing program, such as teacher or course additions or revisions (Amending an approved program).

The programs and courses identified for each district within the Program Approval Database are the programs and courses that districts report to MDE in their P-file (Perkins data submission). Find more information about program approvals and your data submission below.

[Building Effective Advisory Committees](#) - 4/22/22

Guidance on effective CTE advisory committees, which are a required component of CTE program approval.

[Program Approval Application Form](#) - 3/8/24

Complete this Program Approval application form as part of the five-year approved program review cycle or if your district is seeking approval for a new program.

[Program Approval Checklist and Timeline](#) - 3/12/24

Overview of the CTE program approval process. Document includes specific preparation suggestions as well as a sample district timeline.

[Program Approval Database](#) - 5/16/24

This Career and Technical Education (CTE) file displays programs approved under Minnesota Rule 3505.

[Program Approval Revision/Amendment Form](#) - 7/18/24

Complete an Amendment form any time there is a teacher and course change to an existing state-approved CTE program. Amendments are processed throughout the year, however, course amendments will only be publicly updated to the Program Approval Database annually each Spring.

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[Table C](#) - 5/9/24

List of all Career and Technical Education Programs, Courses, and Teacher Licensure requirements for Minnesota's program approval and data collection.



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**Related MDE resources:**

[Data Submission](#)

# REVISED Table C

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CONSTRUCTION CAREERS															
361	Engineering/STEM	171000	01	Engineering Essentials	Engineering Essential courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level engineer or technician. For this program, one of the following licenses is required:		300100	171000	171016	F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21001
			02	Introduction to Engineering Design	Engineering Design courses offer students the opportunity to apply their knowledge of engineering design to a variety of projects.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21006
			03	Principles of Engineering	Principles of Engineering courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level engineer or technician.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21007
			04	Digital Electronics	Digital Electronics courses teach students the fundamentals of digital electronics, including logic gates, flip-flops, and microprocessors.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21008
			05	Computer Integrated Manufacturing	Computer Integrated Manufacturing courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level manufacturing technician.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21010
			06	Engineering Design & Development	Engineering Design and Development courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level engineer or technician.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21007
			07	Environmental Sustainability	Environmental Sustainability courses help students understand the impact of human activities on the environment and how to reduce that impact.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21024
			08	Civil Engineering & Architecture	Civil Engineering and Architecture courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level engineer or technician.					F	14.0101	04	15	4.21	21012
361	Industrial Technology	171000	10	Introduction to Industrial Technology	Introduction to Industrial Technology courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level industrial technician.					F	15.0000	04	13	4.22	21003
			11	Emerging Technologies	Emerging Technologies courses expose students to the latest developments in technology, including artificial intelligence, robotics, and nanotechnology.					F	15.0000	04	13	4.22	21053
			12	Technology Innovation & Assessment	Technology Innovation and Assessment courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level technology professional.					F	15.0000	04	13	4.22	21054
361	Construction –Basic	171000	20	Building Repair & Maintenance	Building Repair & Maintenance courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level construction worker.					F	46.0000	04	02	4.23	17010
			21	Carpentry	Carpentry courses provide information related to the construction of wood structures, including framing, finishing, and repair.					F	46.0000	04	02	4.23	17003
			22	Drafting	Drafting—General courses introduce students to the fundamentals of drafting, including orthographic projection and descriptive geometry.					F	15.1307	04	02	4.23	21102
			23	CAD	Frequently offered as an intermediary step between general drafting and architectural drafting.					F	15.1307	04	02	4.23	21107
			24	Architectural Drafting	Drafting—Architectural courses introduce students to the fundamentals of architectural drafting, including site plans, floor plans, and elevations.					F	15.1307	04	02	4.23	21103
			25	Career Investigation	Construction Careers Exploration courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level construction worker.					F	46.0000	04	02	4.23	17001
361	Construction –Residential	171000	30	Residential Construction	Residential Construction courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level residential construction worker.					F	46.0000	04	02	4.24	17002
			31	Framing Carpentry & Exteriors	Framing Carpentry and Exteriors courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level residential construction worker.					F	46.0201	04	02	4.24	17004
			32	Residential Masonry	Residential Masonry courses enable students to learn the skills and techniques used in the construction of masonry structures.					F	46.0101	04	02	4.24	17008
			33	Residential Wiring	Residential Wiring courses apply the knowledge and skills learned in basic electrical courses to the installation and repair of residential electrical systems.					F	46.0301	04	02	4.24	17103
			34	Residential Plumbing	Residential Plumbing courses provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the workforce as an entry-level residential plumber.					F	46.0502	04	02	4.24	17058
			35	Residential HVAC	These courses synthesize basic and intermediate skills to install, maintain, and repair residential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.					F	47.0201	04	02	4.24	17056
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5082	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Wheels & Walls	170302	21	2024-25
5083	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Automotive Technology	170302	30	2024-25
5084	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Power Mechanics	170302	50	2024-25
5085	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Power, Energy, & Transportation	170302	51	2024-25
5086	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Civil Engineering & Architecture	171000	08	2024-25
5087	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Construction	171000	30	2024-25
5088	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Woodworking	171000	50	2024-25
5089	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Cabinetmaking	171000	53	2024-25
5090	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Intro to Engineering & Design	171502	02	2024-25
5091	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Principles of Engineering	171502	03	2024-25
5092	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Computer Integrated Manufacturing	171502	05	2024-25
5093	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Engineering Design & Development	171502	06	2024-25
5094	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Civil Engineering & Architecture	171502	08	2024-25
5095	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Mechatronics	171502	85	2024-25
5096	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Robotics	171502	87	2024-25
5097	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Computer Science	171512	23	2024-25
5098	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Game-IT	171512	30	2024-25
5099	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Intro to Engineering & Design	171710	02	2024-25
5100	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Principles of Engineering	171710	03	2024-25
5101	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Computer Integrated Manufacturing	171710	05	2024-25
5102	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	PLTW: Engineering Design & Development	171710	06	2024-25
5103	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Welding & Fabrication 1	171710	30	2024-25
5104	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Welding & Fabrication 2	171710	31	2024-25
5105	South Central	0077	01	Mankato	Mechatronics	171710	62	2024-25



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