



## Career and Technical Education

# CTE DIRECTIONS

## Career and Technical Education (CTE) News and Information

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**Career and Technical Education provides all students access to high-quality, rigorous career-focused programs that result in attainment of credentials with labor market value.**

### Special Populations Best Practice – Learners Experiencing Homelessness

As we continue to highlight evidence-based practices, this month we highlight the special population of learners experiencing homelessness. Learners experiencing homelessness or McKinney-Vento were first defined as a special population in Perkins V, so states and local CTE leaders are in the early phases of implementing strategies to support this learner group.

In these evidence-based practices, here are several items to remember:

- Have a process in place to identify students experiencing homelessness, including training and professional development opportunities for staff so they can identify and meet these student's needs.
- Connect with the Title VII, Part B: McKinney-Vento Homeless Education USBE team. Ensure that students experiencing homelessness, and their families, know their rights and have access to appropriate resources.
- Know what support services are available in your district under Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act that help students experiencing homelessness maximize credit accrual and complete high school.
- Provide enriched supplemental instruction, tutoring, credit recovery, partial credit, partial coursework, independent study, transfer transcripts, and online learning options for students experiencing homelessness to keep up or catch up with their learning.
- Become familiar with Utah state laws about reporting suspected abuse or neglect, or a suspected runaway.



We encourage you to:

- Read the Advance CTE publication [Supporting Learners Experiencing Homelessness in Career and Technical Education](#).
- Identify dual enrollment opportunities for McKinney-Vento students experiencing homelessness.
- Review mitigation of costs to remove stressors for student to participate in CTE.

### Jane Reese: Graphic Designer



Jane, a graduate of Olympus High School in Granite School District, attributes her success in college to the CTE courses she took in high school.

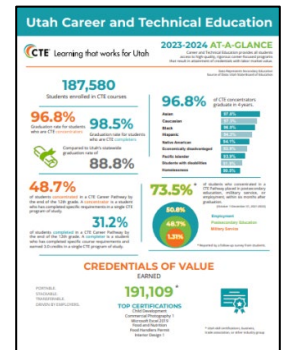
“Participating in CTE courses throughout my high school experience strongly shaped my career goals and aspirations. As someone who loves to create, I have always dreamed of a job where making things is my 9:00-5:00. In high school, I was thrilled to find out that I could take classes that would help me explore these creative endeavors. If it weren’t for these CTE courses, I would not have been able to explore a passion that I have come to know and love so well.”

Read Jane’s CTE success story at <https://tinyurl.com/4hrurdmj>.

### Utah CTE At-A-Glance

The 2023-2024 Utah CTE At-A-Glance has been published and is available on UtahCTE.org at <https://shorturl.at/RB1CU>. This document highlights CTE student success in CTE programs. Utah students performed very well. Below are a few highlights:

- Student enrollment in CTE courses increased from 185,256 in SY23 to 187,580 in SY24.
- Students earning a Credential of Value increased from 144,201 in SY23 to 191,10 in SY24.
- Students earning CTE concurrent enrollment credits increased from 124,065 in SY23 to 132,781 in SY24.



### 2025 Utah Legislative Session

The [2025 General Session](https://www.schools.utah.gov/policy/legislativesession) of the 66th Utah Legislature begins on Tuesday, January 21 and continues through Friday, March 7. You can track the education bills via the Utah State Board of Education Bill Tracking document at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/policy/legislativesession>.

### @UtahCTE Social Media Highlights

- @washk12 CTE students tell about their high school CTE experience <https://tinyurl.com/2s3pha37>.
- Davis Catalyst Center hosted a Jingle Bell Banquet. This festive family luncheon included a four-course meal of seasonal delights prepared by CTE culinary arts students. The event sold out quickly and was a great success.
- The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is developing an AI training program for educators. Learn about the program as Matthew Winters, USBE AI education specialist, explains how Utah is set to modernize classrooms with an initiative to train K-12 educators on the use of AI in education <https://shorturl.at/6lIJP>.
- **REMINDER:** Utah high school seniors, plan now to apply for a CTE Scholarship and Tuition Award. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 31, 2025. Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive a scholarship/tuition award to a Utah postsecondary institution <https://bit.ly/3VES4oF>.

### Calendar:

January 9: [Utah State Board of Education Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

January 16: [Utah State Charter School Board Meeting](#) – 250 East 500 South – Salt Lake City, UT

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